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To: SACs, New York (116-5327)
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From: Director, FBI

RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN, SPI.

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White House requests expedite investigation of Feynman who is being considered as a member of the President's Science Advisory Committee. Born 5/11/18, NYC, received B.S., Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1939, and Ph.D. degree, Princeton, 1942. Is currently employed as professor of physics, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California. Reportedly was granted secret clearance by Commanding General, 6th Army, 4/16/58, based on NAC, 3/3/58. Was granted "Q" clearance 3/4/48. Additional background contained in current edition of "Who's Who."

Refer to AEA-A investigation of Feynman in 1947. Thoroughly review for adequacy under SPI standards and bring up to date including current credit and criminal checks on Feynman and his immediate relatives, neighborhood and employment investigation, recontact with references and appropriate agency checks, including USIA, CIA and State Security.

Bufiles contain numerous references to Feynman's association with [redacted] and J. Robert Oppenheimer. Thoroughly review urfiles and include all pertinent information, determining degree of association where necessary and current documentations.

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DE see urfile 62-0, letter dated 12/23/57, entitled (FNU) Feynman. Information Concerning. Conduct necessary investigation to identify [redacted] and interview her for her comments.

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AIRTEL TO SACS, NY, BS, NE, AL, LA, AQ, BA, WFO, and DE
RE: RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN, SPI

For info all offices, Feynman placed on no contact list 4/30/58 after he stated he did not desire to be interviewed by FBI Agents relative to matters of any kind.

Assign case to mature, experienced agent and afford it continuous and expeditious attention. Set out necessary leads by airtel unless more expeditious means necessary to insure deadline met. Surep to reach Bureau no later than 7/28/58.

NOTE: Request received 7/11/58 by letter dated 7/11/58 from White House. Copy of summary will be furnished to Attorney General as this involves a Presidential appointment.

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Subj: Seaman Richard Phillips

Supervisor [REDACTED]

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Date 7-10

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L	100-357734-	135 See 100-357734-135
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (File 77-78660) DATE: 7/28/58

FROM : SAC, BUTTE (File 77-1974)

SUBJECT: RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
SPI

ReBuairtel 7/24/58.

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 7/28/58

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Reason for the delinquency: Boise, Idaho
not available for interview until this date.

Date the report or necessary communication
will reach the Bureau: 8/4/58.

AEC zone designation, e.g., OR, CH, etc.:
(This applies only to 116 cases.)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (File) DATE: 7/25/58

FROM : SAC, WFO (File 77-63389)

SUBJECT: RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
SPI

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 7/28/58

Reason for the delinquency: Additional leads developed from passport records and AEC on 7/24/58. No administrative action recommended.

Date the report or necessary communication will reach the Bureau: 8/4/58

AEC zone designation, e.g., OR, CH, etc.:
(This applies only to 116 cases.)

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DATE 2/22/89 BY SP1AGJTC

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (File) DATE: 8/4/58

FROM *JB* SAC, WFO (File 77-63389)

SUBJECT: RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
SPI

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 7/28/58

Reason for the delinquency: Remy FD 205 7/28/58. Other offices forwarding additional leads to WFO. No administrative action recommended.

/(AL radiogram 7/31; AQ teletype 7/31; NK teletype 7/30)

Date the report or necessary communication will reach the Bureau: 8/8/58

AEC zone designation, e.g., OR, CH, etc.:
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (File 77-78660) DATE 7/28/58

FROM : SAC, New York (File 77-24031)

SUBJECT: RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
SPI

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline:
7/28/58

Reason for the delinquency:

See below.

Date the report or necessary communication
will reach the Bureau:

AEC zone designation, e.g., OR, CH, etc.:
(This applies only to 116 cases.)

Investigation requested of New York in 2 Los Angeles airtels to Bureau dated 7/25/58 and Bureau airtel to Butte, et al, dated 7/24/58 was completed 7/28/58 and will be transcribed 7/29/58.

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No administrative action recommended.

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FD-205 (3-23-55)
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

Director, FBI (File 77-78660)

DATE: 7/29/58

FROM:

Kc SAC, New York (File 77-24031)

SUBJECT:

Richard Phillips Feynman
SPI

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 7/28/58

Reason for the delinquency:

See below

Date the report or necessary communication
will reach the Bureau:

7/31/58

AEC zone designation, e.g., OR, CH, etc.:
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Investigation requested in Albany
teletype to Bureau & New York
6:03 PM, 7/28/58 was completed 7/29/58
& will be transcribed 7/30/58.

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No administrative
action

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The Attorney General

September 5, 1958

Director, FBI

DR. RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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DATE 6/19/03 BY 60267 NLS/Bfm

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By letter dated July 11, 1958, [redacted] at the White House requested this Bureau to conduct an investigation of captioned individual who is being considered for membership on the President's Science Advisory Committee.

Limited Classification
Review Conducted
See Top Serial
Form 4-774

An applicant-type investigation of Dr. Feynman was conducted by this Bureau in 1947 at the request of another governmental agency. The enclosed summary memorandum contains the results of that investigation as well as the results of current inquiries.

On pages 25 and 26 of the enclosed summary memorandum, reference is made to the interview of [redacted] and to her letter to this Bureau dated August 8, 1958. [redacted] is being recontacted by representatives of this Bureau for more specific details and for clarification of some of the statements and allegations in her letter. You will be furnished with any pertinent developments in this regard.

The Honorable Sherman Adams is being advised of the above and is also being furnished with a copy of the enclosed summary memorandum.

Please be advised that the investigations of Dr. Feynman covered inquiries as to his character, loyalty, general standing and ability, but no inquiries were made concerning the sources of his income.

Enclosures (3)

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NOTE: Copy of summary being sent Attorney General inasmuch as this involves Presidential appointment.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: July 10, 1958

FROM :

[Redacted]

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SUBJECT: RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
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Request was received from the White House on 7/11/58 to investigate Feynman who is being considered as a member of the President's Science Advisory Committee. We conducted an AEA-A investigation of Feynman in 1947. Interviews in that investigation were favorable.

b7C Bufiles contain numerous references regarding association of Feynman with [Redacted] and J. Robert Oppenheimer since 1947. He was placed on the no contact list on 4/30/58, after stating, when contacted in a National Science Foundation case, that he did not desire to be interviewed by FBI Agents relative to matters of any kind. The field has been alerted to the above information and has been instructed to assign case to a mature, experienced agent and afford it continuous and expeditious attention.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. This is for information.

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REGULAR MAIL

TO: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (77-16376)
SUBJECT: RICHARD PHILLIPS PEYMAN
SPI

Re Buairtel, 7/15/58.

PEYMAN's G-2 file KL-940888, located Central Records Facilities, Fort Holabird, Baltimore, Maryland, was made available by [redacted] on 7/18/58 and reviewed by IC [redacted] b7C
[redacted] above file contains copies of 1947 Federal Bureau of Investigation reports under AFA-A classification.

G-2 files reflect PEYMAN was subject of two partial background investigations completed 6/18/42 and 8/27/43 also a National Agency check completed 3/3/58.

G-2 indices reflect information concerning one RICHARD P. PEYMAN, not further identified, located Intelligence Records Section, ACSI, DA, The Pentagon, under the following:

Subject: Conference, Date of Correspondence: 5/9/56
File number: 337.000 USNR

WFO handle.

For information Bureau, Baltimore reporting two partial background investigations, one National Agency check and that the additional pertinent information has been utilized.

Report follows.

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TO: SAC, DETROIT
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (77-10321)
RE: RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
SPI

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Form 4-71

ReBuairtel to New York, Los Angeles, et al, dated
7/15/58.

Information developed California Institute of
Technology reflecting applicant [redacted]
[redacted] and believed to be presently
on the [redacted]
Possibly identical with [redacted] referred to in Buairtel.

Detroit Office at Lansing, Michigan is requested
to interview [redacted] regarding FEYNMAN.

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RT has
lead to
interview her -
see DE AT 7/22/58
[signature]

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1 - Los Angeles
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Date: July 22, 1958

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (77-5205)

RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
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Limited Classification
Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification
for 2025ReBulet dated July 15, 1958, captioned as above and Delet to
Director dated December 23, 1957, entitled (FNU) FEYNMAN,
INFORMATION CONCERNING.ReBulet refers to reDelet and instructs Detroit to conduct
necessary investigation to identify [redacted] and interview her
for her comments. b7COn July 21, 1958, [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]Michigan, advised SA [redacted] that she is not acquainted
with RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN and that she had [redacted][redacted] She stated that she knew
of no other [redacted] htOn July 21, 1958, [redacted] Office of the
Secretary of the [redacted] the governing body
[redacted] advised SA [redacted] that a review of the records[redacted] advised that
the following background information was available to [redacted]2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
2 - Butte (REGISTERED) (Encls. - 2)
1 - Detroit
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Approved: [redacted]
Special Agent in Charge

Sent [redacted] M Per [redacted]

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[redacted] indicated that there was nothing to indicate the marital status of [redacted]
[redacted] advised that the address of [redacted] while at [redacted]

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[redacted] Will interview [redacted] to determine if she is identical with the [redacted] and if identical will secure her comments. (For the assistance of [redacted] in conducting interview, a copy of reDelet and of reBulet is enclosed herewith. The information in reDelet is furnished by [redacted] and should not be revealed to [redacted] inasmuch as it was furnished on a confidential basis and questions should be paraphrased to protect this original source.

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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TO: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD
FROM: SAC, NEWARK (116-2100)
RE: RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
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Rebuairtel to New York, 7/15/58.

WFO refer to WFO airtel to the Bureau, 2/1/55, captioned "R. P. FEYNMAN, IS-R, SODAC, WASHINGTON, D.C., IS-R", WFO file #100-16597 Sub B. This airtel indicated R. P. FEYNMAN had contacted [redacted] of the Russian Embassy and thanked him for the kind invitation to the Soviet Academy of Science. WFO requested to report this information as the source of this information is not indicated and Newark not in a position to comment on identity or reliability of informant. (S) u

WFO

Albany refer to the report of SA [redacted] dated 8/7/50, captioned [redacted] was.; ESPIONAGE - R", Albany file #65-1064. Page 108 of this report refers to RICHARD FEYNMAN. Albany report this information as it originated at the Albany Division and Albany requested to prepare documentation of [redacted] since your office origin that case.

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✓ Newark files reflect New York apparently is
origin in the case on [redacted] was.; b7C
ESPIONAGE-R; therefore New York document [redacted] Newark
will document J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office BOSTON	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 7/23/58	Investigative Period 7/21/58
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		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

Synopsis:

Arrest records negative.

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REFERENCE:

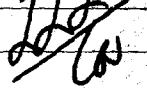
Bureau Air Tel to New York, July 15, 1958.

DETAILS:

ARREST

On July 21, 1958, Records Bureau, b7C Cambridge, Massachusetts Police Department, advised that the files contain no record pertaining to RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYMAN.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: July 23, 1958

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (77-8815)

SUBJECT: RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
SPIEnclosed herewith are two copies of the report of SA [redacted]
[redacted] dated and captioned as above, at Boston.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Newspaper morgues were not searched, Boston, Massachusetts, since RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN, while residing in the Boston Area, was a student at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and graduated at the age of twenty one years.

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TO DIRECTOR AND SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM SAC, NEW YORK

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RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN; SPI. INVESTIGATION NY DISCLOSED
 APPOINTEE'S AEC SECURITY FILE TRANSFERRED TO AEC, WASHINGTON,
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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, BUTTE

LSM/mms
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (77-5205)

RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
SPI

Re DE Air-Tel to Bureau, 7/22/58, and LA Air-Tel to DE, 7/22/58.

For the info of the Butte Office, a copy of referenced LA Air-Tel is being enclosed herewith.

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- 1 - Bureau (Info.)
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TO DIRECTOR AND SAC, ALBUQUERQUE

FROM SAC, ALBANY

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RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN. SPECIAL INQUIRY. REBUAIRTEL
JULY 15 LAST. [REDACTED]

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ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO [REDACTED]

APPOINTEE IN PHYSICS DEPARTMENT CORNELL UNIVERSITY, AND APPOINTEES

[REDACTED] INTERVIEW FOR PERTINENT COMMENTS IF NO REASON
EXISTS TO CONTRARY. BUDED JULY 28 NEXT.

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From: Director, FBI (77-78660)

RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
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Re Detroit airtel dated 7/22/58, requesting Butte to
interview [redacted]

For information of Butte, White House requested expedite
investigation of Feynman who is being considered as member of
President's Science Advisory Committee. Born 5/11/18, New York,
New York, and currently employed as professor of physics,
California Institute of Technology. Buded 7/28/58.

For assistance of all offices, on 12/20/57, [redacted],

[redacted] Michigan, who
requested his identity be concealed, advised Detroit Office that

[redacted] said Feynman
spent considerable time doing research on locks and safe doors,

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RE: RICHARD PHILLIP FEYNMAN
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Information developed that [redacted]

Pentagon,

acquainted with FEYNMAN at [redacted]

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Interview re instructions set forth in referenced
airtel.

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Mr. Nease _____
Mr. Parsons _____
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Mr. W.C. Sullivan _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Holloman _____
Miss Gandy _____

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TO DIRECTOR 5, FBI AND SAC ALBANY

FROM SAC NEW YORK 1P

RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN, SPECIAL INQUIRY, REBUAIRTEL TO NY SEVEN FIFTY

LAST. INVESTIGATION NY DISCLOSED APPOINTEE-S MOTHER, MRS. LUCILLE

FEYNMAN, RESIDES SEVEN ONE EIGHT OSTROM AVENUE, SYRACUSE, NY

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ALBANY MAKE APPROPRIATE CHECKS.

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FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (77-10321)

RE: RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
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Rebuairtel dated 7/15/58, copies all offices.

For information of Bureau, additional time needed to complete investigation based upon additional leads developed, Los Angeles. It is contemplated investigation will be completed and report dictated on or before 7/30/58, and report will be submitted immediately thereafter. Case being given expeditious attention.

New York refer report of SA [redacted] dated 1-9-50, San Francisco file 100-16980 entitled CINRAD-IS-R, page 5 of which contains information concerning appointee from New York sources. New York also refer to Los Angeles letter to Bureau dated 2/24/50 copy to New York, and Los Angeles letter to Bureau, copy to New York dated 2/27/50 in the case entitled "FOO Case, Espionage-R", Bureau file 65-58068. Referenced Los Angeles letters reflect interviews conducted by agents of the Los Angeles Office with appointee concerning [redacted] Office of Origin; FOO, case, New York, and inasmuch as it is presumed that New York will be documenting [redacted] New York is requested to include the results of the interviews with the appointee in this report as reflected in referenced Los Angeles letters.

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2-New York (116-5327)
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1-Los Angeles

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Approved: AKB
Special Agent in Charge

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Albany, refer to the case entitled [redacted] Espionage-R, and the report of SA [redacted] dated 8/23/50 at Los Angeles, copy of which furnished Albany. Refrep reflects results of interview on 8/2/50 with appointee regarding his association with [redacted]. Albany requested to include results of this interview in your report.

Washington Field Office is requested to review records at National Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C., for any information pertaining to appointee's employment with Institute of Numerical Analysis at University of California at Los Angeles in 1950. It is noted that appointee, when interviewed concerning [] was then employed as a physicist, UCLA Institute of Numerical Analysis. It is noted that Institute of Numerical Analysis is no longer at UCLA.

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TO: SAC, DETROIT
FROM: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (77-1068)

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RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN, SPI. REBUAIRTEL TO NEW YORK JULY
FIFTEEN LAST. FOR INFORMATION DETROIT DURING FEBRUARY NINETEEN
FIFTY [REDACTED], LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO, ADVISED SA
[REDACTED] THAT APPLICANT WAS A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF
[REDACTED] IN ABOUT THE FALL OF NINETEEN FORTYFIVE
AT LOS ALAMOS. INVESTIGATION REFLECTS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] DETROIT
INTERVIEW [REDACTED] TO DETERMINE APPLICANT'S DEGREE OF ASSOCIATION
WITH [REDACTED] BUREAU ADVISED BY AM.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (77-10321)
 RE: RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
 SPI

Re Bureau airtel 7/15/58, copies all offices except Philadelphia.

It is noted that White House requests expeditious investigation of FEYNMAN, who is being considered as a member of the President's Science Advisory Committee. Born 5/11/18, New York City; received B.S., Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1939 and Ph.D., Princeton, 1942. Is currently employed Professor of Physics, California Institute of Technology (CIT), Pasadena, California. Additional background contained in current edition of "Who's Who."

For information of Bureau appointee granted leave from CIT for period 6/20/58 to 12/31/58. From 6/20/58 to 9/30/58 appointee scheduled to be in attendance at science meetings and traveling in Europe. No itinerary located at CIT.

Washington Field Office requested to check with Department of State for any pertinent information regarding above.

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From 10/1/58 to 12/31/58 appointee scheduled to be visiting professor at Cornell University.

In 6/56 appointee "spent summer" at Brookhaven Institute, New York, New York.

In 1951 he was visiting professor, University of Brazil.

Summer 1941 he was research physicist at Frankfort Arsenal, Philadelphia.

While a graduate student at Princeton University in the summer of 1941 [redacted]

While at Cornell University he [redacted]

While at Los Alamos he [redacted]

The appointee indicated as a reference [redacted] at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton University.

The appointee's mother, LUCILLE PHILLIPS FEYNMAN, presently reportedly residing Embassy Hotel, Broadway at 70th, New York, New York. [redacted] b7C

For information of Bureau, inquiry at CIT reflects [redacted]

Division of Physics, Mathematics, and Astronomy, CIT, well acquainted with appointee and [redacted]

[redacted] Lead being left to discretion of Bureau.

Appointee in 1957 reportedly consultant, Hughes Aircraft, Culver City, California.

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A- "Current Biography" for the year 1955 published by the H. W. Wilson Company, New York, New York, reflects that FEYNMAN in 1954 participated in a conference at the University of Rochester in New York, where many of the nation's distinguished physicists were in attendance, such as Dr. J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER, Dr. HANS A. BETHE, and Dr. EDWARD TELLER.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office BALTIMORE	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 7/25/58	Investigative Period 7/17, 18/58
TITLE OF CASE RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN		Report made by <div></div>	b7C Typed By: avw
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

Synopsis:

Files of G-2 reflects no derogatory information during G-2 investigations. Additional pertinent information utilized.

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REFERENCE: Bureau airtel, dated July 15, 1958.

Baltimore airtel to WFO, dated July 18, 1958.

DETAILS: AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

The files of G-2, Central Records Facility, Fort Holabird, Baltimore, Maryland, made available by a representative of that agency, were reviewed on July 18, 1958. These files

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reflect that the captioned individual was the subject of a National Agency check completed on March 3, 1958, and two partial background investigations completed on June 18, 1942, August 27, 1943, during which no information was developed reflecting adversely upon the character, reputation or loyalty of this individual.

The additional pertinent information contained in G-2 files has been utilized by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in conducting this investigation.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office NEWARK	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 7/25/58	Investigative Period 7/17,21-24/58
TITLE OF CASE RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN		Report made by <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div>	Typed By: C&W
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

Synopsis:

Attempts to locate a reference, unsuccessful.
Information concerning J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER set out.

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REFERENCE: Bureau airtel to New York dated July 15, 1958.
Newark airtel to Washington Field dated July 23, 1958.

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DETAILS:

Reference

[redacted] b7C
New Jersey, advised on July 22, 1958, that [redacted]
[redacted] New Jersey, a reference,
left that company in 1948. She said there was no other address
at that company for [redacted] and she was unable to locate anyone
who knew the present address of [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

Associates

J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER, born April 22, 1904, in New York, was from 1943 to 1945 Director of the Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico, which perfected the atomic bomb. Dr. OPPENHEIMER is the Director of the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey, and was deprived of clearance by the Atomic Energy Commission in 1954.

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Reporting Office ALBUQUERQUE	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 7/26/58	Investigative Period 7/22, 25, 26/58
TITLE OF CASE RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN		Report made by SA [redacted] b7C	Typed By: gcp
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

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Synopsis:

FEYNMAN employed University of California, Los Alamos, N.M., 4/1/43 to 10/27/45 as a scientist, and record satisfactory. While at Los Alamos, N.M., FEYNMAN reported to have associated

[redacted]

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Associates of FEYNMAN at Los Alamos, state FEYNMAN

of their work at Los Alamos, and comment favorable concerning the character, loyalty and associates of FEYNMAN. FEYNMAN unknown to Confidential Informants who are familiar with some phases of CP activities in the State of New Mexico.

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Investigation at Los Alamos, New Mexico, was conducted by SA [redacted] and the remainder of the investigation by SA [redacted]

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EMPLOYMENT

AT LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO

On July 25, 1958, [redacted] University of California, Personnel, Los Alamos, advised her records reflect RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN was employed in the Theoretical Physics Division at Los Alamos, as a scientist from April 1, 1943 to October 27, 1945. She stated he terminated his employment of his own accord. She advised the records reflect he did a good job and had a good record with the organization. She advised her records reflect during 1946 FEYNMAN was listed as a consultant at \$25.00 per day, but spent no time in Los Alamos, New Mexico, after October 27, 1945.

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During February 1950, [redacted] Los Alamos, New Mexico, advised SA [redacted] that she [redacted] Los Alamos, New Mexico, during the Fall of 1945 when he had been an employee at Los Alamos. She stated during this period RICHARD FEYNMAN, another employee at Los Alamos, [redacted] [redacted] furnished no other information concerning the association between FEYNMAN [redacted]

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On July 25, 1958, [redacted] University of California, Los Alamos, advised her files reflect

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advised RICHARD FEYNMAN, a fellow employee at Los Alamos during this period, [REDACTED] She furnished no other information concerning the association between FEYNMAN [REDACTED]

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On July 25, 1958, [REDACTED]
T Division, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, advised [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], date of return,
unknown, and is unavailable for interview.

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✓ On July 25, 1958, [REDACTED] T-5 Division,
Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, advised that he worked in
the same division at Los Alamos as FEYNMAN [REDACTED]
in about 1945. He advised that in his opinion FEYNMAN had no
more association [REDACTED] than anyone else in the division

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him in all respects. He stated FEYNMAN is honest, reliable, a loyal American, and is one of the most highly regarded scientists in his field today. He believed FEYNMAN's morals are above reproach, and he does not drink to excess. He stated he would recommend FEYNMAN highly for any position of trust.

ARREST

AT LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO

The records of the Los Alamos Police Department, as reviewed July 25, 1958, reflect no information concerning FEYNMAN.

MISCELLANEOUS

Confidential Informants, who are familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity and subversion in the State of New Mexico, advised FEYNMAN was unknown to them by name or description.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/26/58

FROM : *RJA* SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (77-1068)SUBJECT: *Ryn* RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
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Enclosed herewith are two copies of report of SA [redacted] dated 7/26/58 at Albuquerque. Also b7C
enclosed are two copies of letterhead memorandum pertaining
to this report.

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Los Angeles, Albuquerque, Baltimore, Washington Field and
Detroit dated 7/15/58.

INFORMANTS

Confidential Informants contacted in instant
report are as follows:

[redacted] contacted 7/25/58 by SA [redacted] b2
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[redacted] contacted 7/22/58 by SA [redacted] b7D
[redacted] contacted 7/25/58 by SA [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Albuquerque, New Mexico

July 26, 1958

In Reply, Please Refer to

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RE: RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Confidential Informants referred to in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 26, 1958, at Albuquerque, New Mexico, have furnished reliable information in the past.

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		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

Synopsis:

Associate at Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, New York, and former neighbors at Far Rockaway, NY, comment favorably re appointee and recommend. No record for appointee at Credit Bureau of Greater NY, NYCPD, BSS, NYCPD, or Queens County, NY, Board of Elections, appointee unknown to informants at New York. Credit records reflect \$1,754.20, judgment filed against appointee's father at New York, in 1935 subsequently paid. Appointee former associate of

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Details:

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Brookhaven National Laboratory
Upton, New York

On July 22, 1958,

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[redacted] Personnel Department, advised SA [redacted] from records that the appointee was a consultant to the Physics Department from 1946 to 1947 but never physically present at the Laboratory, during this period. He stated, however, that from July 5, 1956, to August 31, 1956 the appointee was engaged in independent research at this Laboratory as a visiting senior physicist, during which period he resided at the guest house located on the Laboratory premises. He was not acquainted with the appointee personally.

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On July 22, 1958, [redacted] Physics Department, advised SA [redacted] that he has been acquainted with the appointee by reputation for approximately the past ten years but was personally associated with him only during the above period in 1956 when he visited this Laboratory. He stated that the appointee has the reputation of being a brilliant physicist and that his personal opinion of the appointee is in complete concurrence with this view. He further stated that he considered the appointee to be a discreet, loyal American citizen of good character and associates and recommended him for a position of trust. He was unable to furnish any more specific information concerning the appointee due to his limited association with him.

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[redacted] stated that there was no one else who would be more than slightly acquainted with the appointee other than by reputation. He commented that the appointee worked alone while here in 1956.

Neighborhood

1502 Mott Avenue
Far Rockaway, New York

On July 23, 1958, [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] captioned address advised SA [redacted] that the appointee's family resided in an Apartment at this address from approximately 1933 to 1948.

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[redacted] advised that the appointee resided at this address only occasionally after he graduated from high school in approximately 1935 inasmuch as after that date he was attending college or employed outside of New York City.

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The [redacted] further advised that the appointee's father, MELVILLE A. FEYNMAN is now deceased and his mother, LUCILLE FEYNMAN and [redacted] presently reside in [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that the appointee and his family enjoyed an excellent reputation in this neighborhood as to character, loyalty, associates and they recommended the appointee for a position of trust.

Credit

On July 22, 1958, [redacted] Credit Bureau of Greater New York, which also covers Upton, New York, advised that her records contain no information concerning the appointee. She stated however, that her records reflected that a \$1,754.20. judgment filed on July 27, 1935, in Queens County, New York, by [redacted] against the appointee's father, MELVILLE A. FEYNMAN, had been paid.

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Arrest

On July 23, 1958, SA [redacted] caused the records of the New York City Police Department to be checked by [redacted] Bureau of Criminal Identification; [redacted] Information Unit; [redacted] Old Record Room (all of the above of the New York City Police Department) and [redacted] Fingerprint Bureau, Magistrate's Court, City of New York. No record was located for the appointee.

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On July 22, 1958, Chief of Police, EDWARD BRIDGE, Brookhaven Town Police Department, Patchogue, New York, which covers Upton, New York, advised SA [redacted] that his files contained no record for the appointee.

Miscellaneous

On July 21, 1958, SA [redacted] caused the records of the Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department to be searched by [redacted] No record was located for the appointee.

In July, 1958, several confidential informants who are acquainted with general Communist activities in the New York City area, advised that they were not acquainted with the appointee and could furnish no information concerning the appointee.

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The records of the Queens County Board of Elections, New York, New York, which were reviewed on July 22, 1958, disclosed no information concerning the appointee at the address 1502 Mott Street, Far Rockaway, New York, for the years 1938 to 1950 inclusive. These records reflected however, that for every year they registered during the above period MELVILLE A. and LUCILLE FEYNMAN of the above address indicated preferences for one of the two Major Political Parties.

On February 24, 1950 and on February 27, 1950, in connection with the investigation of another matter, the appointee was interviewed by SAS [redacted] and [redacted] at the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California concerning [redacted]

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It was noted that the appointee was very cooperative and regretted that he was unable to furnish more specific information regarding [redacted]

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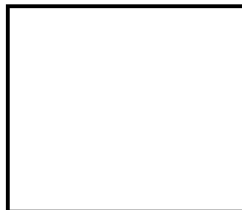
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SUBJECT: RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN,
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Enclosed herewith are the original and one copy of the New York report of SA [redacted] dated as above concerning the captioned individual, together with a letterhead memorandum setting forth the reliability of confidential informants.

INFORMANTS

Contacted by SA [redacted]
Contacted by SA [redacted]
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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York
July 26, 1958

RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
SPECIAL INQUIRY

The confidential informants mentioned in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated as above at New York, concerning captioned individual, have all furnished reliable information in the past.

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tel to DE 7/25/58.Investigation at Lansing, Mich. reveals that [redacted]
[redacted] Lansing, Mich., is out of
town and will not be available until 7/28/58. b7C
b7DEfforts to locate [redacted], Grand Rapids,
Mich., unsuccessful to date. Attempts will be made to locate
and interview [redacted] 7/28/58.Report will be submitted in order to reach the Bureau by
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Synopsis:

Appointee employed Cornell University as Asst. Professor of Physics 10/45 to 2/47 and as Associate Professor 2/47 until resignation in 6/50. Three former fellow faculty members and acquaintance recommend for character, reputation, associates and loyalty, consider outstanding Physicist. Residence, Ithaca, N.Y., 1946 through 6/48, verified; and acquaintance recommend. No neighbors located for residence 1948-1950. No record Ithaca PD; records Ithaca Credit Bureau reflect appointee to be visiting professor, Cornell University, in 9/58.

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No listing, Syracuse, N.Y. PD, for appointee or his mother, Credit record mother favorable. No credit record on other listed relatives.

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REFERENCE: Bureau airtel dated July 15, 1958.

DETAILS: AT ITHACA, NEW YORK

Employment

[redacted] Provost Office, Cornell University, advised on July 21, 1958, that the Trustees' records on inactive members of the academic staff reflect that FEYNMAN was appointed Assistant Professor of Physics on June 26, 1944, for the school year commencing September 1944. These same records reflect that the appointee did not commence employment with Cornell University, requesting a leave of absence for 1944-1945. A notation in this file reflected that Professor FEYNMAN was granted an extension of this leave until June 30, 1946, and a further notation reflected that prior to this date he terminated his leave of absence on October 31, 1945, and joined the faculty of Cornell University as an Assistant Professor of Physics.

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In addition to the foregoing, this record reflected that the appointee, as of January 25, 1947, was appointed Associate Professor of Physics, commencing February 1, 1947. On December 31, 1949, he was granted permission for a leave of absence for the period from January 1, 1950 until March of the same year.

These records reflected that Professor FEYNMAN was appointed Acting Professor of Physics on February 21, 1950, effective July 1 of the same year. These same records reflected that Professor FEYNMAN resigned on June 12, 1950.

Appointee's birth date was listed in these records as May 11, 1918 in New York City.

[redacted]
Physics Department, Cornell University, advised on July 21, 1958, that the records of this Department on the appointee contained no information relative to his character, associates, loyalty or reputation.

X [redacted] Cornell University, advised on July 21, 1958, that he knew Professor

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FEYNMAN as a fellow faculty member during the period of time he was at Cornell University and added that he was generally familiar with his career since he left Cornell in 1950. [redacted] stated that everything he knew about Professor FEYNMAN, from the standpoint of sensitive work, was favorable and he was convinced that the appointee would assume responsibility and fulfill his commitments on any sensitive project involving the interests of this Government. He described the appointee as highly dependable and added that there was no question in his mind concerning his discretion, loyalty, reputation as a citizen, or his associates.

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[redacted]
[redacted] Cornell University, advised on July 21, 1958, that he has known the appointee approximately [redacted]

[redacted]
that the appointee was one of the outstanding physicists in this country and in spite of some of his personal habits, he felt that there was no question concerning his loyalty, responsibility, discretion, or associates. He stated that Professor FEYNMAN was an accomplished jazz drummer and believed that this hobby, in the eyes of some individuals, was not in keeping with FEYNMAN's role as a professor of physics. He further stated that Professor FEYNMAN had an intimate knowledge of the Atomic Energy Program in this country and deeply appreciated his role as a responsible scientist in connection with this program. [redacted]

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[redacted] added that he would have no hesitation in recommending Professor FEYNMAN for a position of trust and responsibility.

[redacted]
[redacted] advised on July 21, 1958, that he had worked with the appointee at [redacted] Los Alamos, New Mexico; and Cornell University. On the basis of his contact

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with Professor FEYNMAN, he stated that he considered him to be a substantial individual in any situation involving the security of the country, and described him as a tremendously good security risk. He further added that Professor FEYNMAN had never given him any reason to question his character, reputation, loyalty or associates. He also stated that Professor FEYNMAN was considered one of the outstanding physicists in this country.

[redacted], listed as references by the appointee in 1947, are presently out of this country and not available for contact.

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Residences

The Ithaca, New York Directory for the year 1946 and the year 1947 listed appointee as a resident of 611 East Seneca Street. The Cornell University Staff Directories for 1946 and 1947 also list the appointee as a resident at the afore-mentioned address.

The records of the Telluride Association reflect appointee resided as a faculty guest in the Telluride House at 217 West Street from September 1947 until June 1948.

The 1948-1949 and the 1949-1950 Cornell University Staff Directories list appointee as a resident of 505 The Parkway.

[redacted] described Professor FEYNMAN as a quiet, respectable, and pleasant individual, and stated she would have no reason to question his activities or reputation. She also added that he never gave her any reason to question his loyalty or activities while a resident in her home.

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[redacted] Telluride Association, advised on July 22, 1958, that the appointee resided in the Telluride House at 217 West Street as a faculty guest for the school year of 1947-1948, commencing September 1947 and ending in June 1948. He described Professor FEYNMAN as a perfectly reputable and honorable individual and stated there

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was no question in his mind concerning his character, reputation or loyalty. He further described him as an outstanding physicist and stated he was highly regarded among residents at the Telluride House during the pertinent school year.

[redacted] advised that the appointee was returning to Cornell University in September 1958 as a visiting professor and that the Telluride Association had again extended an invitation to him to reside in the Telluride House as a faculty guest for the Fall term of 1958. He stated that Professor FEYNMAN had accepted this invitation and he was expected to arrive around September 15, 1958.

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The Cornell University Staff Directory for the years 1948-1949 and 1949-1950 reflected that [redacted] a member of the faculty in the Department of Physics, Cornell University, was a resident at [redacted] New York. [redacted] Alumni Office, Cornell University, advised on July 23, 1958,

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[redacted] advised on July 22, 1958, that she recalled the appointee as the occupant of an apartment in the [redacted] at [redacted] sometime around 1949-1950. [redacted] stated that she did not know the appointee sufficiently well to make any pertinent comments concerning him. She further advised that there were no other residents presently in the vicinity of [redacted] who would be in a position to recall the appointee.

Miscellaneous

[redacted] the Ithaca Journal, advised on July 23, 1958, that the files of this newspaper reflected a clipping dated February 6, 1947, announcing the appointment of the appointee as an Associate Professor. These same records reflected a clipping dated May 28, 1958, reflecting appointee's contemplated visit to Cornell University in September 1958 as a visiting professor.

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[redacted] the Ithaca Credit Bureau, advised on July 22, 1958, that the files of her bureau only contain a newspaper clipping relative to FEYNMAN's appointment as a visiting professor at Cornell University in September 1958.

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[redacted] Ithaca Police Department, advised on July 22, 1958, that the files of this Department contained no record on the appointee.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [REDACTED]

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AT SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

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Records of Syracuse Police Department were examined
by [REDACTED] on July 25, 1958. They disclosed
no listing for appointee, his mother LUCILLE FEYNMAN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Records of Syracuse Credit Bureau were examined By
[REDACTED] They reflect favorable credit for LUCILLE FEYNMAN
and no listing for appointee or [REDACTED].

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, ALBANY (77-6047)

DATE: July 26, 1958

SUBJECT: RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
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Re report of S [] dated and captioned
as above at Albany, enclosed.

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cc: 2-Bureau
1-Albany (77-6047)

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RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN, SPI. RE NY TEL THIS DATE. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] PRESENTLY CARE OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LONG ISLAND. NEW YORK HANDLE.

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TO: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD (77-63389)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (77-78660)

RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
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Re your FD-205 dated 7-25-58.

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TO DIRECTOR 2 AND SAC ALBANY

FROM SAC NEW YORK 1P

RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN, SPI. REBUAIRTEL TO BUTTE, ET AL, JULY TWENTY
FOUR LAST. IN NINETEEN FORTY SEVEN, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ATTENDED BY APPOINTEE NINETEEN
THIRTY ONE DASH THIRTY FIVE, [REDACTED] APPOINTEE AND CONSIDERED
HIM TO BE INTROVERT INTERESTED PRIMARILY IN SCIENTIFIC PURSUITS. STATED
THAT BECAUSE OF THE APPOINTEE-S NATURE, HE DEFINITELY FELT HE WAS NOT ^{the} ~~TH~~
TYPE TO JOIN ANY POLITICAL ORGANIZATION, BUT THAT HE MIGHT BE OF A
RADICAL TYPE. HOWEVER, THOUGHT APPOINTEE-S FIRST LOYALTY WOULD BE
TO U.S. AND THAT HE WOULD BE A GOOD SECURITY RISK. BUREAU DESIRES
[REDACTED] BE REINTERVIEWED RE RADICAL COMMENT. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] NY, NO SPECIFIC ADDRESS. ALBANY INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (77-1068)
RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
SPI

Re Los Angeles airtel dated 7/25/58.

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[redacted] is presently in Geneva, Switzerland,
and not expected to return to the United States until September,
1958 according to [redacted]
Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (77-78660)
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (77-10321)
 RE: RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
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[redacted] an article appeared in the "Los Angeles Times," a Los Angeles daily newspaper, dated 7/18/56, to the effect that the appointee's wife was granted a divorce from him because of appointee's constantly working calculus problems in his head as soon as awake, while driving car, sitting in living room, and so forth, and that his one hobby was playing his African drums. His ex-wife reportedly testified that on several occasions when she unwittingly disturbed either his calculus or his drums he flew into a violent rage, during which time he choked her, threw pieces of bric-a-brac about and smashed the furniture. This article reflects that the court approved a \$7500 cash settlement in favor of the appointee's ex-wife, giving her an automobile, furniture and objects of art, as well as \$300 per month for two years and \$250 a month for a third year.

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Divorce records, Los Angeles, reflect appointee and MARY LOUISE BELL married 6/28/52, Boise, Idaho; separated 5/20/56; interlocutory decree of divorce filed 7/18/56; final judgement of divorce filed 5/5/58 and complaint of divorce charged "extreme cruelty."

A news release dated for release 3/14/54, concerned the appointee's selection as winner Albert Einstein Award as announced at Princeton University by Dr. J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER, Director of the Institute for Advanced Study. This release states that appointee notified of his selection for the award by LEWIS STRAUSS, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Institute for Advanced Study and Chairman, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission. This award established by STRAUSS in memory of his parents. Release states that appointee visited Brazil three times, once under auspices State Department to lecture at the Brazilian Center for Physics Research and the University of Brazil. "Last September he was delegate to the International Physics Conference in Tokyo."

Washington Field requested to interview [redacted] for any pertinent information he may have concerning appointee.

b7C For info Boston and the Bureau, news article dated 9/20/53, datelined Tokyo, Japan, named appointee as one of 54 visiting scientists from 14 countries as participants in the International Conference of Theoretical Physics being held there. This article also named Professor J. C. SLATER of Massachusetts Institute of Technology as participating in the conference. [redacted]

[redacted] If not already handled. [redacted]

For info Bureau, several press releases had been located dealing with appointee's invitation to the Moscow Scientific Conference in 1955 and pertinent information from these news articles will be reported.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office DETROIT	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 7/29/58	Investigative Period 7/25, 26, 28/58
TITLE OF CASE RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN		Report made by SA (A) [REDACTED]	Typed By: CFC
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

Synopsis:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] unable to furnish any additional information. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] reports she knew FEYNMAN for a very short period in fall of 1945
but does not know how closely he was associated with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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REFERENCES: Bureau airtel to Detroit dated July 24, 1958. b2
Albuquerque teletype to Detroit dated July 25, 1958. b7C
Detroit airtel to Bureau dated July 26, 1958. b7D

DETAILS: At Lansing, Michigan:

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[REDACTED] was recontacted on July 28, 1958, and he advised that he had no additional information to furnish concerning [REDACTED] Dr. FEYNMAN. [REDACTED] stated that in view of the fact that he had no firsthand information concerning Dr. (FNU) FEYNMAN, he did not desire to furnish a signed statement.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

At Grand Rapids, Michigan:

Efforts to locate [REDACTED] on July 26, 1958, were unsuccessful.

On July 28, 1958, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Grand Rapids, was interviewed by SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] at her place of employment
the [REDACTED]
advised that she was [REDACTED] during the year of 1945
at Los Alamos, New Mexico, and in the spring became acquainted
[REDACTED] She stated that she did not know
RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN during the spring of 1945; that she was

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event she ever spent with FEYNMAN. She advised FEYNMAN was an extrovert, and seemed to have a large number of friends and acquaintances.

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[redacted] stated that she did not know the degree of association or friendship between [redacted] FEYNMAN and did not know even if they worked in the same division of the Los Alamos project. [redacted] advised she just saw FEYNMAN at [redacted]

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[redacted] never heard anything that would reflect adversely on the character, reputation, loyalty or associates of FEYNMAN other than given above. [redacted] stated that her association and knowledge of FEYNMAN is so limited that she could make no positive statement concerning his reputation, character, loyalty or associates.

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Office Memorandum : UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (77-78660)

DATE: July 29, 1958

FROM : SAC, Detroit (77-5205)

SUBJECT: RICHARD PHILLIPS FREYMAN
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the report of SA(A) [redacted] at Detroit, dated and captioned as above, together with two copies of letterhead memorandum relating to reliability of informant utilized therein.

INFORMANTS

<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity</u>	<u>Agent to whom Furnished</u>	<u>Location</u>
[redacted]	2/20/57 recontact 7/28/58	[redacted]	62-0 Instant Report

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Careful consideration has been given to the source concealed and a T symbol was utilized in this report where the identity of the source must be concealed.

[redacted] ROBERT OPPENHEIMER have not been characterized in this report inasmuch as the Detroit Office is not in possession of disposition of cases concerning [redacted] OPPENHEIMER.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Detroit, Michigan

July 29, 1958

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. DE 77-5205

Re: RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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[redacted] utilized in the report of Special Agent (A) [redacted] at Detroit, dated and captioned as above, is a [redacted] who is in a position to furnish reliable information.

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TO: Director, FBI
FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (77-0)
SUBJECT: RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN;
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Re LA airtel dated 7/25/58.

Dupreq. See PH report SA [redacted] (A),
dated 10/3/47, captioned "RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN - 15-38510,
AEAA." (Bufile 116-26773).

NY Refer also to Page 30 of ^{Ra} NY letter dated 7/26/50 to
Bureau in FOOCASE (Bufile 65-58805) which sets forth that [redacted]
knew appointee at Los Alamos, etc.

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ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU FROM LOS ANGELES

Two Photostats of Affidavit of
Registration K463670 for
Richard P. Feynman (Exhibit "A")

**RE: RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
SPI**

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ENCLOSURE

STATEMENT OF TRANSFER OR CHANGE OF NAME
I last registered under the name of

First Registr. in California

I last registered at and removed from

No. Foxwell Drive Street

Thine New York Precinct

I hereby authorize the cancellation of said registration.

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altadena Precinct No. 12

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, } SS.

AFFIDAVIT OF REGISTRATION.

The undersigned affiant, being duly sworn, says: I will be at least twenty-one years of age at the time of the next succeeding election, a citizen of the United States ninety days prior thereto, and a resident of the State one year, of the County ninety days, and of the Precinct fifty-four days next preceding such election, and will be an elector of this County at the next succeeding election.

1. I have not registered from any other precinct in the State since January 1, 1936.
(If applicant has so previously registered, mark out the word "not" and fill out the appropriate blanks at the top of the affidavit.)

2. My full name is RICHARD P. FEYNMAN
(Including Christian or given name, and middle name or initial, and in the case of women, the prefix Miss or Mrs.)

3. My residence is 844 Alameda St South Side
(Name street or road. If remote from both, then give Sec., Twp., and Range.)

between Lake and El Malina Streets, Floor, Room.

My mailing address is 844 Alameda St - Pasadena 8 Zone
(Must be written out in full, including Town.)

4. My occupation is Professor 9. I intend to affiliate at the ensuing primary election with the

5. My height is 6 feet inches Independent Party.
(If affiliation is not given, write or stamp "Declines to State.")

6. I was born in New York
(State or Country)

7. I acquired citizenship by Birth of Parent
(Underline method of acquiring citizenship.)
a. Citizenship of father.
d. Marriage to a citizen prior to September 22, 1922.
e. Naturalization of my husband prior to September 22, 1922.
f. Act of Congress. g. By treaty.

(when) (Month) (Day) (Year) (where) (City) (State)

My (father's or mother's or husband's) name is (was) Richard P. Feynman
(To be filled out when citizenship depends on citizenship or naturalization of parent or husband.)

8. I can read the Constitution in the English language; I can write my name; I am entitled to vote by reason of having been on October 10, 1911; More than sixty years of age.

I can mark my ballot by reason of (State physical disability, if any.)

Richard P. Feynman
(Affiant sign here.)
844 Alameda St
(Street Address)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12 day of September, 1936

BENJAMIN S. HITE, Registrar of Voters.

By Benjamin S. Hite
Deputy Registrar of Voters.

CANCELLED

THAT IS THE WAY TO A BETTER WORLD

Date: Sept 12 1936

BENJAMIN S. HITE, Registrar of Voters

(where) (City) (State)

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EXHIBIT A

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STATEMENT OF TRANSFER OR CHANGE OF NAME
I last registered under the name of

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I last registered at and removed from

No. Forest Drive Street

Thrice-New York Precinct

I hereby authorize the cancellation of said registration.



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c. Citizenship of father.
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e. Naturalization of my husband prior to September 22, 1922.
f. Act of Congress. g. By treaty.

(when) (Month) (Day) (Year) (where) F. Feynman

My father's mother's name is (was) (To be filled out when citizenship depends on citizenship or naturalization of parent or husband.)

8. I can read the Constitution in the English language; I can write my name; I am entitled to vote by reason of having been on October 10, 1911; I am at least twenty-one years of age.

I can mark my ballot by reason of (State physical disability, if any.)

Richard P. Feynman
(Affiant signs here.)
844 Alameda St.
(Street Address)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 day of September, 1936

BENJAMIN S. HITE, Registrar of Voters,

By Deputy Registrar of Voters.

CANCELLED

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DATE 4-11-56

BENJAMIN S. HITE, Registrar of Voters

(where) F. Feynman

(City) (State)

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EXHIBIT A

**ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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SYNOPSIS (cont'd.):

and informants generally familiar with Communist Party membership and activities have no information re appointee. Credit, Los Angeles, reported as prompt and satisfactory at Pasadena. No criminal record located. Appointee paid bail on 6/13/58 as result traffic citation.

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REFERENCES: Bureau airtel to Los Angeles, et al, 7/15/58
Los Angeles airtel to Detroit, 7/22/58
Newark airtel to Washington Field, 7/23/58
Los Angeles airtel to Bureau, 7/25/58
Bureau airtel to Los Angeles, et al, 7/24/58
Los Angeles airtel to Bureau, 7/29/58

DETAILS:

Investigation within the Los Angeles Division was conducted as follows:

At Altadena and Pasadena, California, by SA [redacted] b7C

At Santa Monica, Culver City, University of California at Los Angeles, West Los Angeles, and interview of [redacted] by SA [redacted]

b7C The records of the Los Angeles Retail Merchants Credit Association were caused to be checked by SE [redacted] at the Municipal Court, Los Angeles Judicial District, the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters, and the Superior Court by SE [redacted]. The morgue of the "Los Angeles Times" and "Los Angeles Examiner" was checked by SE [redacted]. The records of the Los Angeles Police Department were caused to be checked and those of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office were checked by SE [redacted]

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EMPLOYMENT

California Institute of Technology (CIT)
Pasadena, California

On July 22, 1958 [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] made available records concerning the
appointee which reflected the following information:

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RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN was appointed Professor of Theoretical Physics at CIT on July 1, 1950. He was Visiting Professor of Physics at CIT for the month of February, 1949. In the summer of 1941 he served as Research Physicist at Frankford Arsenal, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was Visiting Professor at the University of Brazil from July 1, 1951 to July 1, 1952. He attended the International Physics Conference, September 15 - 23, 1953, under the auspices of the Science Council of Japan, UNESCO and Rockefeller Foundation. He was the winner of the \$15,000 ALBERT EINSTEIN Award and gold medal, which was given to him at Princeton University in 1954. He was invited to attend a conference on quantum electrodynamics and elementary particles to be held in Moscow, Russia from March 31 to April 6, 1955 by the Academy of Sciences, USSR. He accepted the invitation to this conference, but was unable to attend because of travel restrictions imposed by the United States Department of State. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The appointee spent the summer "June, 1956" at Brookhaven Institute, New York. As of December, 1957 he was teaching a two-hour course in quantum mechanics at Hughes Aircraft, Culver City, one day per week. He was also a consultant at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, 4800 Oak Grove, Pasadena, California.

The appointee was granted a leave of absence from CIT from June 20, 1958 to December 31, 1958 to attend scientific meetings in Europe and to accept appointment as Visiting Professor at Cornell University, which is to be for the period October 1 to December 31, 1958.

These records contain no information indicating that the appointee is other than loyal.

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X [redacted] CIT, advised on July 24, 1958, that he has known the appointee since [redacted]

[redacted] years ago.

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✓ He stated that he has worked closely with the appointee during the [redacted] and has known him socially during this period. He said that he considers the appointee to have a brilliant mind and to be one of the outstanding theoretical physicists in the country. He said he has never discussed politics with the appointee, but believes him to be a patriotic American of very good character, reputation, loyalty and associates. He added that the [redacted]

[redacted] He said that he would recommend the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

[redacted] CIT, advised on July 25, 1958, that he has known the appointee well as a member of the faculty here since 1950 and was also acquainted with him at Los Alamos during World War II. He said that any comments he could furnish regarding the appointee's ability, character, associates, reputation and loyalty would be very favorable and he would recommend the appointee for a position of trust and confidence. ✓

X [redacted] CIT, advised on July 25, 1958, that he has known the appointee since he was [redacted]

✓ He said that he saw little of the appointee during the World War II period but has closely associated with him during the [redacted] at CIT. He described the appointee as an extrovert and a person who is very outspoken in what he thinks. He said the appointee is a "first-rate physicist" and he believes him to be completely trustworthy and dependable. He said that he is aware of nothing that would reflect unfavorably concerning the appointee's character, associates, reputation or loyalty, and he recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

X [redacted] CIT, advised on July 25, 1958, that he has known the appointee [redacted] both were working at Los Alamos, New Mexico. He stated that he is aware that the appointee has "resisted

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vigorously Federal appointments offered to him in the past" and he would be surprised if the appointee now accepts such an honor.

He said that he believes the appointee to be a very good scientist, completely trustworthy, and dependable in every respect and a loyal American. He said that the appointee apparently enjoys his social life and enjoys going to parties and such occasions because he is a complete extrovert. He said that the appointee enjoys playing the bongo drums in his leisure time. He said that the appointee [redacted]

[redacted] and believes the appointee to be of very good moral character, reputation, personal habits and loyalty. He stated that, based upon his knowledge of the appointee, he would recommend him for a position of trust and confidence.

On July 23, 1958, [redacted] Jet Propulsion Laboratory (CIT), 4800 Oak Grove Avenue, Pasadena, California, made available the information that the appointee was hired as a research specialist by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory on a consultant basis on December 5, 1957.

By letter dated April 16, 1958, from the Headquarters, Sixth Army, Presidio, San Francisco, California, he was granted access to information classified secret. He had been previously given clearance for information classified top secret by the United States Army at Los Alamos in 1943 and at Washington, D. C. in 1953. The appointee's father, MELVILLE ARTHUR FEYNMAN, is deceased. His mother, LUCILLE PHILLIPS FEYNMAN, resides at the Embassy Hotel, Broadway at 70th Street, New York, New York. The appointee, on a Personnel Security Questionnaire executed in connection with his position at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, named [redacted]

Santa Monica, as references. These records contained no information indicating that the appointee is other than loyal.

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[redacted] California Institute of Technology (CIT), and a consultant at Ramo-Wooldridge Corporation, Los Angeles, California, advised on July 25, 1958, that he has been acquainted with the appointee as a fellow professor at CIT [redacted]. He stated that he sees the appointee daily and [redacted] him. He said that, although the appointee is the type of an individual who does not like regulations, he believed that he would conform to Government requirements involving security regulations. He said that based upon his knowledge of the appointee, he believes him to be of good moral character, reputation, loyalty, and associates. He said that he would recommend the appointee for a position of trust and confidence. [redacted] stated that the appointee is not, to his knowledge, politically active.

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X [redacted] Research Analysis
Section, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, advised on July 29,
1958, that he has known the appointee [redacted]

[redacted] He said that his
conversations over the years with the appointee have
indicated to him that the appointee is completely moral
and has a willingness to serve the United States Government
in any way he can through his vast scientific knowledge
and he has, in fact, in the past on several occasions,
served with the government in the government's various
atomic bomb and related projects. He said that the
appointee, in his leisure time, enjoys playing the
bongo drums. He said that a year or so ago the appointee
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✓ he believes, a lecture tour in Brazil. He said that, as
he recalled it, one of the newspapers in the Los Angeles
area picked up a few remarks made by the appointee's wife
and then published a story allegedly quoting the appointee's
wife to the effect that the basis for the divorce had been
the appointee's devotion to his bongo drums and his work.
He stated that it is his opinion that this newspaper article
was all out of proportion to the true facts although he
did not personally know the basis for the divorce. He
said that, based upon his knowledge and association with
the appointee, he was aware of nothing which would indicate
that the appointee is other than of good personal habits,
responsible, moral character, highly regarded as to reputation
and loyalty and of good associates. He said that he would
recommend the appointee for a position of trust and con-
fidence.

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Hughes Aircraft Company
Culver City, California

On July 24, 1958, [REDACTED] advised that his records reflect that RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN was a consultant for this company, teaching classes in quantum mechanics from October, 1956, to May, 1957 and from October, 1957, to June, 1958. These records, [REDACTED] stated, contained no information bearing upon the appointee's loyalty, character, or reputation.

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[redacted] Hughes Aircraft Company, Culver City, California, advised on July 28, 1958, that he did not recall the appointee. He stated, however, that he had located a letter in his files indicating that the appointee had been given by one of the employees of Hughes Aircraft Company, [redacted], as a reference and in that letter it was found that Dr. RICHARD FEYNMAN registered his intention to affiliate with the Independent Progressive Party in 1954. [redacted] said that the letter in which this information appears was written by him to the FBI in Los Angeles but he is now unable to recall where he had received this information since he was not personally acquainted with Dr. FEYNMAN.

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"The 8th Report of the Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities to the 1955 Regular California Legislature, page 46, reflects the following:

"The Independent Progressive Party in California was quickly captured by the Communists, and by the time the Wallace for President campaign had swung into high gear was being operated lock stock and barrel by the Communist Party of California. Time after time the Committee in questioning witnesses throughout the state discovered that the leaders of the Communist Parties in various localities were identical with the leaders of the Independent Progressive Party in the same area. It is true, of course, that in the Independent Progressive Party there were many sincere liberals who, because of dissatisfaction with the two major political organizations registered as Independent Progressives and continued their affiliation until the true control of the I.P.P. became obvious."

[redacted] Education Department, Hughes Aircraft Company, on July 28, 1958, advised that he met the appointee when the appointee was teaching here and knew him only on a professional basis as having an excellent record as a physicist at CIT. He said that he had no information indicating that the appointee is other than of good character, reputation, and loyalty, and he has no reason not to recommend him for a position of trust and confidence.

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[redacted], Hughes Aircraft Company, informed on July 28, 1958, that he has known the appointee [redacted] ago. He said that he was acquainted with the appointee's family

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[redacted]
[redacted] His father is deceased and he believed that his mother is also currently residing in New York City. He said that the appointee's first wife died after a few years marriage. [redacted]

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[redacted] He said that the appointee is highly regarded as a scientist and is considered one of the outstanding physicists in the country. He said that the appointee is a very brilliant individual intellectually and is irritated by all of the security regulations since he feels it slows down the advancement of science in this country. He said that he believes, however, that the appointee would conform with security regulations, but he has been known to show impatience and temper at security problems and investigators. He said that, for example, he recalled that at one time the appointee demonstrated to some security people how worthless the locking procedure was on confidential items and he demonstrated this fact by "picking the locks" of secured cabinets. He said that "lock picking" is fascinating to the appointee and he is an expert "lock picker."

[redacted] said that regarding the appointee's associates, he did not know with whom he associated at Los Alamos since he, [redacted] did not know him there. He said, however, that he worked with the appointee at Princeton University and was aware that the appointee had known [redacted] at Los Alamos as a fellow employee, and he at one time asked the appointee [redacted]

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[redacted]
that the appointee is acquainted with J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER, he likewise does not believe that he had any close friendship with him.

[redacted] said that the appointee is well regarded professionally and personally, and he had no reason to question

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the appointee's moral character, associates, reputation or loyalty. He said that he knew of no political activities on the part of the appointee and, in fact, believed that the appointee has no particular interest in politics. [redacted] added that he desired to emphasize that, although the appointee may object to all of the various security regulations, he does not believe that he would be disloyal in this regard and, in fact, would conform to the necessary security regulations and be secretive about his work. [redacted] said that he would recommend the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

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[redacted]
[redacted] Physics Division, Hughes Aircraft Company, and a professor of physics at CIT, stated on July 28, 1958, that he has been acquainted with the appointee professionally for the

[redacted] to teach classes at Hughes Aircraft Company, which were taught

[redacted] He said that he is acquainted only with the appointee on a fellow professor and professional basis and based upon this acquaintance, has had no reason to question his moral character, associates, reputation or loyalty, and he recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence. ✓

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Institute for Numerical Analysis (INA)
National Bureau of Standards (NBS)
University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA)
Los Angeles, California

On July 28, 1958, [redacted]
[redacted] Department of Mathematics, UCLA, stated that [redacted]
[redacted] the INA which then was
under the direction of the NBS, Washington, D. C. He said
that he recalled that RICHARD FEYNMAN had been a summer
lecturer in 1950 at the INA here on the campus, but the
employment records concerning this would, he believed,
now be maintained by the NBS, United States Department of
Commerce, Washington, D. C. He said that the appointee
had a very excellent reputation among the top physicists
in the United States and there was never any question in
his mind pertaining to the appointee's moral character,
reputation, or loyalty. He stated, however, that he
desired to point out that he was acquainted with the
appointee only on a professional and not a social basis.
He said that, based upon this association, he would recommend
the appointee for a position of trust and confidence within
the limits of his knowledge concerning him.

[redacted] UCLA,
advised on July 28, 1958, that he has been acquainted with
the appointee professionally for several years and highly
regards the appointee as an outstanding physicist. He
said that in the summer of 1950, he recalled that the
appointee was giving some lecture classes at the INA on
this campus, but he said that he did not personally
associate with him in this regard and his only association
with the appointee has been on a professional basis. He
said that within the limits of his knowledge of the appointee,
not knowing him at all socially, he believed him to be of
good moral character, reputation, and loyalty. He said that
the appointee's associates were likewise not known to him.

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Electronic Controls System
2231 Barrington
West Los Angeles, California

On July 25, 1958, [redacted]

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advised that he is aware that the appointee has been carried on the Panel of Consultants of this organization, but is not included on the payroll. He said that the appointee was a former

[redacted] and he would be in possession of more information concerning the appointee. He stated, however, that [redacted]

[redacted] said that he has known the appointee on a professional basis only through [redacted] for the [redacted] years, during which time he has had no reason whatsoever to question the appointee's moral character, personal habits, loyalty or associates.

NEIGHBORHOODS

844 Alameda Street
Altadena, California

On July 24, 1958, [redacted] Street, resident for [redacted] advised that he has been acquainted with the appointee as a neighbor on a very casual basis since [redacted] He said that he is aware that the appointee and the [redacted]

stated that he has no reason whatsoever to question the moral character, personal conduct, reputation or loyalty of the appointee [redacted]

[redacted] advised on July 24, 1958, that she has been acquainted with the appointee to the best of her knowledge, the appointee enjoys a very good reputation. She said that he does not associate with any of his neighbors to her knowledge, and she is aware of nothing which would indicate that the appointee has anything other than good moral character reputation and loyalty. She said that the appointee [redacted]

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[redacted], who have resided at this address for [redacted] stated on July 24, 1958, that they were not acquainted with the appointee and could furnish no information concerning the appointee.

[redacted] Pasadena, California [redacted]

[redacted] advised on July 29, 1958, that he [redacted] in Altadena, California, [redacted] ago and was acquainted with the appointee as a neighbor since [redacted]. He said that the appointee [redacted] residing at 844 Alameda [redacted]. He said that the apartment house in which he and the appointee resided was comprised of duplex apartments having the numbers 846 and 844. He said that the appointee did not associate with any of the other neighbors. He said that during the [redacted] that he was a neighbor of the appointee he did not converse with him a great deal.

[redacted] said that the appointee enjoys playing the bongo drums on occasion, but he is aware of nothing disturbing in this regard. He said that the appointee [redacted]

[redacted] had no reason to believe that the appointee was other than of good moral character and conduct, personal habits, reputation, associates and loyalty. [redacted] said that he was not personally acquainted with any of the appointee's close associates.

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Pasadena, California

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that the appointee spent most of his time at CIT during this period and did not become acquainted with anyone in the neighborhood. He said that he has been acquainted with

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and considers the appointee to be of general good moral character, personal habits, reputation, loyalty, and associates and recommends him for a position of trust and confidence.

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REFERENCES

[redacted]
[redacted]
Santa Monica, California, advised on July 24, 1958, that he has known the appointee since about [redacted] having first met him at CIT. He said that his acquaintance with the appointee was first as a teacher and he later got to know him [redacted] socially to some degree.

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[redacted] said that the appointee is well known to [redacted] Jet Propulsion Laboratory and [redacted] at CIT. He said that he is aware that the appointee was acquainted with [redacted] at Los Alamos but he did not believe that he was closely acquainted with him and recalled that the appointee had expressed surprise when it was learned [redacted]

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[redacted] He said that he is also aware that the appointee was acquainted with J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER but believes that this was a professional association in the field of Physics and he was not aware that they were close personal friends. He said that he had never heard the appointee discuss security matters and he believed that the appointee would be sincere and conform to the security requirements required for a position of trust with the government although he might "gripe" about the stringent regulations. He said that he personally considers the appointee to be of good moral character, reputation, associates, and loyalty and recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

On July 24, 1958, [redacted]
[redacted] Santa Monica, California, stated that he first met the appointee at CIT in [redacted]

[redacted] He said that he has had

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some social contacts with the appointee and was acquainted with

[redacted] He said that the appointee has, in the past, expressed his dislike for "red tape" and regulations in general, but he believes that the appointee will conform to the necessary security regulations involved in a position of trust with the Federal government. He said that the appointee enjoys social activity and parties because he is always the center of attraction at such affairs since he is an extrovert and can talk intelligently on any subject. He stated that he is aware that the appointee is

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[redacted] to him. He said that politically the appointee is conservative in every way and has no use for scientists who "dabble" in politics. He said that the appointee is not known to him to have any disloyal or pro-Communist sympathies. He said the appointee has a mind of his own and is very opinionated about some things, although not uncooperative. He said he has always found the appointee to be especially reliable and dependable, and he would recommend him for a position of trust and confidence and as to character, associates, reputation and loyalty. He added that he had no knowledge of any association between the appointee and

[redacted] J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER.

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ACQUAINTANCE

[redacted]
[redacted] Los Angeles, California, advised
on July 25, 1958, that he has known the appointee since
[redacted] and associated with him [redacted]

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[redacted] at Massachusetts
Institute of Technology (MIT). He stated that when he first
met the appointee the appointee was single and later
married ARLENE GREENBAUM, who died in about 1945. He said
that ARLENE GREENBAUM used to come to MIT to various dances
and he was acquainted with her in this way only. He said
that several years after the death of ARLENE GREENBAUM the
appointee remarried but he [redacted] never met the appointee's
second wife. He said that during the period of his association
with the appointee the appointee's family resided in Far
Rockaway, New York, which is a resort area and the [redacted]

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[redacted]
the appointee during the period of his association with
him was of very good moral character, personal habits,
reputation, loyalty, and associates. He said that the
appointee was an extremely brilliant student at MIT and
even when in the Junior division at MIT was always being
asked by members of the Senior Class to help them with their
more difficult problems in the field of physics and mathematics.

He said that he is aware that the appointee since
1950 has been employed as a professor at California Institute
of Technology and for a period of time was employed by
[redacted]

[redacted] He said he would recommend the
appointee for a position of trust and confidence within
the limits of his knowledge of him.

MISCELLANEOUS

The "Current Biography, 1955," published by the
H. W. Wilson Company, New York, New York, contains a
biography of RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN reflecting his birth
date as May 11, 1918, his business address as California
Institute of Technology, and his home address as 844 Alameda
Street, Altadena, California. This biography states that

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in January, 1954, the appointee participated in a conference at the University of Rochester in New York where many of the nation's distinguished physicists (such as Dr. J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER, Dr. HANS A. BETHE and Dr. EDWARD TELLER) were also in attendance.

The "Daily People's World" (DPW), in its issue of April 11, 1955, on page 8 reflects an article entitled, "Scientist Tells of 'iron curtain' by U. S." This article, datelined Pasadena, April 10, 1955, states in part that "Revelation that the United States government has again enforced an 'iron curtain' to prevent American scientists from communicating with their Soviet colleagues was made this weekend by Prof. RICHARD P. FEYNMAN of the California Inst. of Technology. Prof. FEYNMAN, who recently won the \$15,000 Albert Einstein Award for studies on the quantum theory, revealed U. S. government officials had overruled his acceptance of an invitation from the Academy of Sciences in the Soviet Union to attend a series of Moscow seminars that began March 31 and ended Saturday. . . Prof. FEYNMAN said he felt such international meetings of scientists were helpful to world progress and stability and that he would have liked to cross wits and exchange information with the Russian scientists. . ."

The DPW, now known as the "People's World," became a weekly newspaper in February, 1957, and is a West Coast Communist newspaper.

The "Los Angeles Mirror-News," a Los Angeles, ^{daily} newspaper, dated April 7, 1955, contained an article entitled, "Caltech Man Snubs Russia." This article states that RICHARD R. FEYNMAN, a Caltech physicist, had said that he turned down an invitation to a Moscow scientific conference on the advice of the Atomic Energy Commission. FEYNMAN said, according to this article, that he was invited to the conference some time ago and accepted the Soviet invitation when told there was no classified material on the agenda. This article further states that FEYNMAN stated that he thought he had better get a clearance from the AEC and was told that there were several reasons why it might be unwise for him to go, primarily that it would be an unwarranted risk. FEYNMAN reportedly further stated that,

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"I won't say whether the AEC decision was proper; I'd made up my mind to abide with it whether I thought it was right or wrong."

The 'Hollywood Citizen News, a Hollywood daily newspaper, in its issue of April 7, 1955, contained an article entitled "US Nixes Russ Trip by LA A-Expert." This article deals with the appointee's refusal to visit Russia for the scientific meeting on the advice of the United States government. According to this article, FEYNMAN reportedly stated that the AEC did not say he could not go to Moscow but the letter he got from Major General KENNETH D. NICHOLS, head of the Atomic Energy Commission, had strongly implied that the "government wouldn't like it."

The 'Los Angeles Times, a Los Angeles daily newspaper, and the 'Los Angeles Examiner, a Los Angeles daily newspaper, in their April 8, 1955, editions, had articles concerning the appointee's invitation to attend the Moscow scientific conference. The Los Angeles Times article reflects that FEYNMAN reportedly stated, "There are several reasons why it may have been unwise for me to go, even though theoretical discussions might have been valuable on both sides." The 'Los Angeles Examiner' article states that FEYNMAN said, "The Atomic Energy Commission advised him not to go on the grounds it would be an unwarranted risk."

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An article appearing in the "Los Angeles Times" of April 29, 1954 reflects that Professor RICHARD P. FEYNMAN, described as a Caltech Nuclear Physicist, was elected to the National Academy of Sciences, one of the most select science groups in the world. This article states in part:

"FEYNMAN, age 35, a month ago won the \$15,000.00 ALBERT EINSTEIN Award and gold medal for outstanding contributions to knowledge. During World War II Dr. FEYNMAN was a group leader at the Los Alamos Laboratory where he helped build the A-Bomb."

The "Los Angeles Times" of December 31, 1955 contained an article entitled, "Tiny Transistors May Make Guided Missiles Unherring Scientist Asserts." This article points out that Dr. RICHARD P. FEYNMAN of CIT discussed super conductivity of certain metals at a meeting of the American Physical Society.

The "Los Angeles Times", in its issue of June 30, 1956, reflects an article entitled, "Science, Religion Conflict Traced, Physicist Thinks Most of Professors Do Not Believe in Their Fathers' God." This article states in part that Dr. RICHARD P. FEYNMAN had stated that more than half the scientists today disbelieve in "their fathers' God" in his estimation. Dr. FEYNMAN reportedly went on to say that although he did not have any statistics to back him up, many scientists do believe in both science and God in a perfectly consistent way, but this consistency, although possible, is not easy to attain.

The "Los Angeles Times", in its publication of July 18, 1956, contained an article entitled, "Beat Goes Sour, Calculus and African Drums Bring Divorce." This article states in part that:

"RICHARD P. FEYNMAN, 38, Atomic Research Scientist and Professor of physics at Caltech, was divorced yesterday by a wife who testified that only his African drums could keep him from his calculus. ...He begins working calculus problems in his head as soon as he awakens. Mrs. FEYNMAN told the court 'I couldn't talk to him because he would say I was interrupting his work. He did calculus while driving the car, while sitting in the living room, and while lying in bed at night.'

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"The Professor's one hobby, she added, was playing his African drums and this provided no relief for her.

"The drums made terrific noise but that made no difference to him. He would say that he hated music but that he loved rhythm.

"Mrs. FEYNMAN also charged that on several occasions when she unwittingly interrupted either his calculus or his drums, he flew into violent rages during which he choked her, threw pieces of bric-a-brac about, and smashed the furniture.

"The court approved a settlement giving her \$7,500.00 cash, an automobile, furniture, objects of art, and \$300.00 a month for two years and \$250.00 for a third year. Professor FEYNMAN kept his drums."

The "Los Angeles Examiner", in its issue of July 23, 1950, contained an article entitled, "Atomic Bomb Physicist Joins Caltech Faculty". This article states in part:

"Appointment of Dr. RICHARD FEYNMAN, 32, Theoretical Physicist, to the faculty of Caltech, was reported yesterday by Dr. LEE A. DUBRIDGE. Dr. FEYNMAN has been at Cornell University since 1945, and was active in development of the Atomic Bomb, the first test of which he witnessed at Los Alamos, New Mexico. In the last five years he has developed what has become known as 'Feynman Diagrams', a technique used in speeding up and simplifying calculus in the field of quantum mechanics. A native of New York, he was educated at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He will begin his duties next month as a Professor of Theoretical Physics."

The "Los Angeles Examiner", in its issue of July 2, 1951, contained an article entitled, "Two Caltech Profs Yesterday Obtained Leaves of Absence for a Year Abroad." This articles states in part:

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"Dr. RICHARD F. FEYNMAN, Professor of Theoretical Physics, will fill a visiting professorship at the Centro Brasileiro de Pesquisas Fisicas, Rio de Janeiro. Dr. E. W. HUGHES, Research Associate in Chemistry, has been appointed Brotherton Lecturer in chemistry at the University of Leeds, England."

The "Los Angeles Examiner", issue of September 20, 1953, contained an article reflecting that the appointee was one of the 54 visiting scientists from 14 countries in attendance at the International Conference of Theoretical Physics being held in Tokyo, Japan.

The files of the "Los Angeles Examiner" contain a news release dated for release Sunday, March 14, 1954, which contained the following pertinent information concerning the appointee:

This release described the appointee as a 35 year old professor of theoretical physics at CIT who had been selected as winner of the ALBERT EINSTEIN Award consisting of a \$15,000.00 cash prize and a gold medal. The announcement of this selection, according to this release, was "announced today at Princeton, New Jersey, by Dr. J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER, Director of the Institute of Advanced Study. The award, reported to be the highest of its kind in the nation, is made every three years for an outstanding contribution to knowledge in mathematical and physical sciences. ...Selection of the winner is made by a committee of the Institute for Advanced Study which administers the award.

"Professor FEYNMAN is considered one of the world's outstanding young theoretical physicists. He is perhaps best known for his quantum theory of electricity and magnetism which resolved the difficulties and inaccuracies inherent in early theories in quantum electro-dynamics dealing with interactions of atoms with radiation fields. In the past year or so he has been working on a theory of liquid helium.

"FEYNMAN was notified of his selection for the award by LEWIS STRAUSS, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Institute for Advanced Study and Chairman of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission. The award was established by Mr. STRAUSS in memory of his parents. ...

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"FEYNMAN had begun studying the quantum electro-dynamics problem as a graduate student with Prof. J. A. WHEELER at Princeton University in about 1941. He wrote his doctoral thesis on a phase of the problem and was awarded his Ph.D. Degree in 1942. Then he had to drop the problem except in scattered moments because he was taken into the Manhattan District (Atomic Bomb project). Early in the war he worked at Princeton on the problem of separating fissionable uranium 235 from uranium 238. He was transferred to Los Alamos at the inception and remained there as a theoretical physicist throughout World War II. He solved the first test explosion at Alamogordo in July, 1945. He was able to work on his quantum electro-dynamics only in his leisure time on buses, at home, etc....His current work concerns liquid helium. Below minus 455 degrees Fahrenheit liquid helium flows without resistance through pipes. In certain cases shining a light on it causes it to spout up like a fountain. FEYNMAN is now developing a theory to explain such strange phenomena and others which occur at very low temperatures....He is a member of the American Physical Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He speaks Spanish and Portuguese and has visited Brazil three times, once under the auspices of the U. S. Department of State to lecture at the Brazilian Center for Physical Research and the University of Brazil. Last Sept. he was delegate to the International Physics Conference in Tokyo. He is married to the former MARY LOUISE BELL of Boise, Idaho. They live at 844 Alameda, Altadena...FEYNMAN, on June 29, 1942, was married to ARLINE H. GREENBAUM who died in June, 1945, his second wife he married on June 28, 1952."

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The records of the Superior Court in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California, Los Angeles, California, were reviewed on July 24, 1958, and these records under divorce #D504131 reflect that on June 6, 1956, MARY LOUISE FEYNMAN, plaintiff, filed a complaint for divorce against RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN, defendant, charging "extreme cruelty." This complaint stipulated that these parties were married in Boise, Idaho, on June 28, 1952, separated on May 20, 1956, and had no children. A request for default was entered on June 19, 1956, and an interlocutory decree of divorce was entered on July 18, 1956. These records reflect that by this interlocutory decree the plaintiff was awarded \$300 a month for two years, \$250 a month for one year, and the return of her maiden name, MARY LOUISE BELL. A final judgment of divorce was entered on May 5, 1958.

The records of the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters were checked on July 24, 1958, relative to the appointee, and these records reflect that on April 11, 1956, RICHARD P. FEYNMAN, 844 Alameda Street, Altadena, California, described as a professor, born in New York, changed his party affiliation to one of the major political parties. This registration is currently in effect.

The records of the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters further reflect that by Affidavit of Registration K463670 RICHARD P. FEYNMAN, 844 Alameda St., Pasadena, occupation professor, born New York, registered his intention to affiliate with the Independent Progressive Party on September 6, 1952, indicating this as being his first registration in the state of California. This registration was cancelled by change of party on April 11, 1956. A photograph of Affidavit of Registration K463670 is being submitted as Exhibit A to this report.

On February 11, 1958, in connection with an applicant-type investigation being conducted by the Los Angeles Office of the FBI, an attempt was made to interview the appointee. On this occasion he stated that he considered the applicant to be loyal but declined to comment concerning his character, reputation, or associates or to make any recommendation regarding the applicant. He expressed extreme displeasure to being questioned relative to his co-worker and questioned the authority of the FBI to conduct the

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investigation. He was informed of the FBI jurisdiction in such matters, after which time he requested that he not be contacted in the future by the FBI on matters of any kind. The appointee at this time was advised that his request would be made a matter of record in the files of the FBI.

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Boulevard, Hollywood, California, was that of "RICHARD P. FEYNMAN. Calif. Inst. of Technology, Pasadena, Calif".

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Upon recontact on July 25, 1958, [REDACTED] stated that she had not been personally acquainted with RICHARD P. FEYNMAN and could furnish no additional information concerning him. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The files of [REDACTED] a municipal agency, and [REDACTED] a county agency, which agencies maintain records concerning some Communist Party (CP) and related activities in the Los Angeles area, were caused to be checked relative to the appointee on July 24, 1958, and no record concerning him was found.

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Other confidential informants who have furnished information relative to CP membership and activities in the Los Angeles area furnished no information concerning the appointee.

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The records of the Retail Merchants Credit Association of Los Angeles were caused to be checked concerning the appointee [redacted]

[redacted] on July 21, 1958, and these records were found to contain a report made in December, 1955, concerning RICHARD P. FEYNMAN, [redacted] residence 844 Alameda Street, Altadena, California, reflecting his occupation as professor of physics, CIT. These records reflect that [redacted] enjoyed a "prompt" paying record.

The records of the Pasadena Merchants Association were caused to be checked on July 25, 1958, relative to the appointee [redacted], and a report issued on April 14, 1953, concerning RICHARD P. FEYNMAN, [redacted] 844 Alameda Street, Altadena, California, professor of physics department, CIT, reflects all accounts cleared and a satisfactory credit rating [redacted] b7C

The records of the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office were checked on July 22, 1958, and records of the Pasadena Police Department were checked on July 25, 1958, relative to the appointee and the appointee [redacted] and no record concerning [redacted] was found.

The records of the Municipal Court, Los Angeles Judicial District, Traffic Violations Bureau, were reviewed on July 23, 1958, and these records reflect that RICHARD P. FEYNMAN, 1201 East California Street, Pasadena, California (address of CIT), was cited on May 22, 1958, for an unsafe lane change and as a result of this citation paid \$11.00 bail on June 13, 1958.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

July 29, 1958

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 77-10321

RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent
[redacted] dated July 29, 1958, at Los Angeles, California,
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[redacted] and the confidential informants who
are generally familiar with some Communist Party membership and
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This is for your information and assistance and should
not be disseminated to unauthorized persons or agencies.

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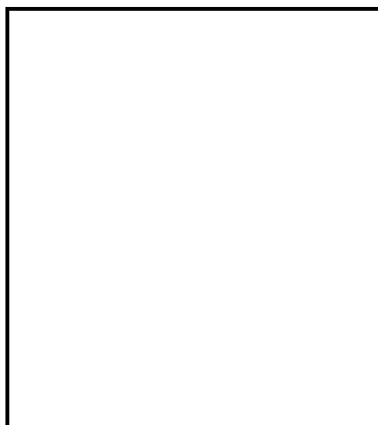
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This report was classified confidential since data reported from [redacted] could reasonably result in identification of this confidential informant who is of continuing value and compromise her effectiveness.

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed, and T symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identities of sources must be concealed.

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[redacted] to SA [redacted]
[redacted] on 3/1/53, to SA [redacted], on
1/4/56, and to SA [redacted]
[redacted] on 7/25/58.



Other confidential informants:

[redacted] to IC [redacted] 12/24/58.
to SA [redacted] 7/57.
to SA [redacted] 1/57.
to SA [redacted] 1953 and 1954.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (77-78660)

DATE: 7/29/58

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (77-10321)

SUBJECT: RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Enclosed are two copies of the report of SA [redacted] and two copies of a letterhead memorandum in captioned matter.

For the Bureau's information, [redacted]

[redacted] California, on 7/15/58 telephonically contacted the Los Angeles Office. FBI, and informed that she had [redacted] Professor RICHARD P. FEYNMAN of California Institute of Technology, who had received an invitation from the Russian Vice-Consul at San Francisco to visit Russia for what [redacted] believed to be a study in "liquid helium." She said that Professor FEYNMAN had indicated he would accept the invitation and the complainant desired to have Professor FEYNMAN prevented from going to Russia because she was fearful of what might happen to him.

On 7/24/58 [redacted]

[redacted] California, advised that [redacted]

For the Bureau's information, the case in which the appointee stated that he did not desire to be interviewed in the future by the FBI was Los Angeles file 113-65, entitled [redacted] NSFA. Refer to the report of SA [redacted] dated 2/21/58.

It is noted that the Albany Office has been requested to prepare a documentation of [redacted] the New York Office has been requested to document [redacted] and the Newark Office has advised that they will document J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER, therefore, no documentations of these individuals have been set forth in the enclosed report.

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August 8, 1958.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

On July 28, 1958, I was interviewed by a representative of the F.B.I. concerning the character and loyalty of [redacted] theoretical physicist Richard Phillips Feynman, who is being considered for the position of Science Advisor to President Eisenhower. Although I know that a sincere effort was made to prepare a careful report on the information which I gave, I feel that Richard Feynman's personality and character and the pattern of his activities are sufficiently complex that it is impossible in a single interview to gain an understanding of this man that is at all accurate. Since I do not express myself well orally, I have prepared the enclosed report in the interest of completeness and accuracy and because I do not wish to be misquoted or misunderstood in this matter.

Each statement that I am making in this letter and in the enclosed report is absolutely true to the best of my knowledge, and each statement of my opinion that I am making here is my sincere conviction. I would swear to these things on a Bible, in a court, or before President Eisenhower.

The position of Science Advisor to the President is of vital importance for the security of the American people. It is imperative that a man be placed in this position whose character and loyalty are completely above reproach. I am making this report because I sincerely believe it is my patriotic duty to my country. I therefore intend to say exactly what I believe; I will not mince words.

I do not know--but I believe that Richard Feynman is either a Communist or very strongly pro-Communist--and as such is a very definite security risk. This man is, in my opinion, an extremely complex and dangerous person, and a very dangerous person to have in a position of public trust, particularly a position that so vitally affects the safety and welfare of this nation--both present and future--as that of Science Advisor to President Eisenhower.

I believe that this man is a master of deception, and that his greatest talent lies in intrigue, not in physics. In matters of intrigue Richard Feynman is, I believe, immensely clever--indeed a genius--and he is, I further believe, completely ruthless, unhampered by morals, ethics, or religion--and will stop at absolutely nothing to achieve his ends. He seldom makes a miss step. He does not expend words or effort unnecessarily. Statements and acts spoken or performed casually often seem to have been planted for a purpose in the light of subsequent events. I am convinced that this man is willing to spend unlimited time--months, even years--in setting a stage for action--making close friends of key persons, studying personalities, preparing attitudes and ideas in people's minds, accumulating useful information, and establishing convincing patterns of conduct for himself that seem casual and every day--in order that nothing will interfere with his activities or objectives and in order that he will never be suspected. Once the ground is laid, judging by the patterns of action that I have seen, he will, I am

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convinced, play the game to the hilt, with unbelievable daring, making full use of the personality traits of persons involved in the drama, even to the extent of inducing persons unwittingly to work against themselves or to aid in the deception. So far as I can determine and from my own experience, he appears to do this so flawlessly that he stays on good terms with the person or persons deceived and is thus able to continue his activities for a long period of time. I believe that he has repeatedly carried on deceptions in which he has completely escaped detection--or, in any case, has avoided public exposure.

My conviction that this man is not a loyal citizen rests on a series of details which I have set forth in the enclosed account entitled Evidence of Disloyalty. Some of these considerations have been known to the F.B.I. for a long time, I feel quite sure. Nevertheless, I should like to ask you briefly to reconsider one or two of these: the matters of Richard Feynman's opening safes and picking locks and of receiving and sending letters in code while he was employed as a scientist at Los Alamos, New Mexico, during the years 1942-45 (or 1943-45) when the atomic bomb was in preparation. (I am not quite sure of the date when he first went to Los Alamos, [redacted]) It seems to me a curious thing that in each account which he gives to the press he never fails to mention the matter of picking locks and/or opening safes, and in most interviews he also mentions sending messages in code and that he knew [redacted] (See reference to specific sources in Evidence of Disloyalty.) I believe that mention of these activities indicates more than mere eccentricity. [redacted]

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[redacted] I cannot but feel each time I see references to his skill in lock picking, letters in code, and [redacted] that the mention of these things could well be a means of hiding them in plain sight and thus avoiding any further scrutiny of these matters, the assumption being that if a man tells things like this about himself surely there be nothing of negative importance to conceal in these activities. He once remarked that he was "almost a Communist when he was at Los Alamos". According to his own statement, he carried on the activities of opening locks and deciphering code only "for fun" while he was at Los Alamos and he said that he had no further interest in these activities after leaving there. It has, after all, been thirteen years since he was at Los Alamos. If he really has no further interest in these activities and if he really has nothing to conceal, the repeated mention of them to the press is to say the least a bit strained.

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Communitistic tendencies in high places in our government. In seeing Richard Feynman's name proposed as Scientific Advisor to the President, I can only say that I am convinced that over a long period he has carefully maneuvered himself into the public

eye (since he makes a point of cultivating members of the press and influential persons in the scientific world) and that he has in all probability been cleverly manipulated into line for this position by other persons. I cannot but feel that if Richard Feynman is appointed to the position of Science Advisor to the President that a situation as dangerous as that which existed when William D. White was in office might well recur and perhaps go undetected for years.

If Richard Feynman should be appointed Science Advisor to the President and if he should choose to obtain secrets and transmit them to the Russians or wish otherwise to influence national policy in a negative manner, it may be of interest to consider some of the special abilities and associations which he might draw upon in approaching such a problem:

- 1) Technical ability to evaluate scientific data.
- 2) Experience in opening safes and in picking locks of various kinds.
- 3) Experience in devising and deciphering code messages.
- 4) Experience in film-developing techniques and photography.

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- 6) Experience in formulating and laying the groundwork for complex patterns of activity that extend well into the future.

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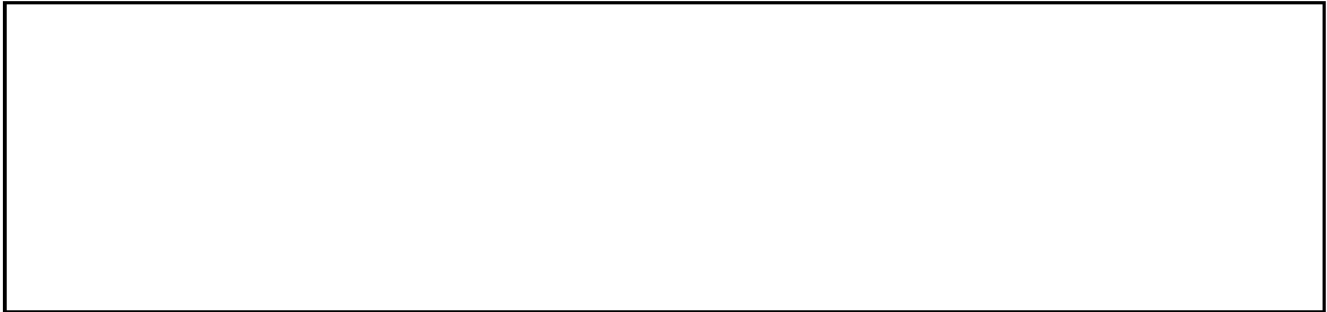
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- 10) Unusual ability to influence people and to induce them to believe whatever he wishes them to believe about himself and his activities or about ideas he wishes to impress upon them.

- 11) A practical aptitude for dealing with mechanical and electronic devices; possession of certain equipment such as a wire recorder and photographic equipment.

(See detailed comment on each of the above considerations under Evidence of Disloyalty and Personality and Character.)



which he had always been bitter). Immediately thereafter he prepared and delivered a lecture on science and religion, which made him appear to be a very religious man, and had this published in the California Institute of Technology Magazine dated June 1, 1956, a magazine which enjoys national distribution. [REDACTED]



detail of which documented proof can be easily obtained. (See Character and Personality, "Property Fraud".)

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Many of Richard Feynman's friends are extremely anti-Republican (some of them very far left in their political thinking from my point of view) and agnostic. These persons often bitterly criticized and made fun of religion and religious persons, and they also criticized and made fun of the Republican party and individual Republicans, including the President. I have many times heard Richard Feynman actively participate in these group attacks on religion and on Republicans. [REDACTED]

Republican party and often viciously attacked many of the policies and issues it sponsored. He has many times expressed dislike and contempt for Richard Nixon and for John Foster Dulles, and he has criticized President Eisenhower as a person and for his policies, both domestic and foreign. More than once he has spoken of President Eisenhower with great contempt because he is a religious man and because he has focused the attention of the public on religion.



But I am also convinced that after his long hatred of Republicans and religion that he assumed membership in the Republican party and the surface appearance of being a religious man in large part for another purpose: to make himself more acceptable to the Eisenhower organization and to lay the ground for an attempt to obtain high office under the Republican administration. This was two years ago. Two years is, I believe, not too long a time for Richard Feynman to spend in preparing the field for obtaining such a prize as the position of Science Advisor to the President or other high scientific position under the Republican administration.

If this man is not a loyal citizen, he is extremely dangerous from the standpoint that he possesses an unusual personal magnetism which enables him to charm or fascinate individual persons or groups if he chooses to do so and to convince them of whatever he wishes them to believe about himself or about the ideas which he wishes to present. He often talks of what a good man he is, and makes subtle references to his own loyalty and sense of honor. To his professional friends and to persons who can somehow be useful to him he tries very hard to appear to be a paragon of morality and integrity--

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[REDACTED] (See detailed accounts under Character and Personality.) He is a superb showman and he counts heavily, I believe, on his reputation of being funny and on his disarming, boyish manner to cover activities he does not want the world to know. And he apparently deliberately seems to cultivate the appearance of being careless, happy-go-lucky, and absent-minded for a number of reasons --in part, it would seem, because these are effective devices for keeping people from looking beneath the surface--and because they make more acceptable the fact that he often breaks his word.

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Richard Feynman has for years, I believe made a very carefully calculated effort to cultivate persons who are eminent in the scientific field, both in the United States and abroad. This includes scientists whom he first knew at Los Alamos-- Robert Oppenheimer, [REDACTED]--and scientists whom he made an effort to know because of their prominence in the field--Albert Einstein, Enrico Fermi-- now dead. He has made good use of these associations. Through the years that he has been at the California Institute of Technology [REDACTED] [REDACTED] he has in my opinion made a definite point of knowing b7C well and cultivating such persons as the president of California Institute of Technology, the dean of the school of physics, department heads (including [REDACTED] b7D [REDACTED] and Linus Pauling), regents of California Institute of Technology, as well as [REDACTED]. He also made it a point to know members of the press. This cultivation of important persons was carried to the extreme [REDACTED]

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There is no question that in being considered for the position of Science Advisor to the President he will be backed by fine recommendations from persons prominent in the scientific world. Richard Feynman is protected from negative criticism by the fact that since receiving the Einstein award in 1954 he is well known in the physics field. Even if certain other physicists know things that may be negative about his character or activities, they would, I feel sure, hesitate to criticize him for fear of jeopardizing their own positions or professional future. If Richard Feynman should be disloyal, he would be protected by persons whose own loyalties may be questionable --and this would be a further reason why loyal scientists might hesitate to participate in the matter. He would also be protected by the fact that the physics world is like a great fraternity in which men stand together merely because of their profession--a consideration which in my opinion hindered the Oppenheimer investigation. Some of the persons in this group are so very liberal in their political thinking, from my point of view, that it is sometimes very difficult in hearing them express their ideas on political subjects to believe that they are loyal to the United States.

Richard Feynman is now registered as a Republican. [REDACTED]

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purpose of obtaining a position under the Republican administration. Among the most politically conservative of physicists, or other scientists, I will venture to say that there are probably very few who are registered as Republicans. Yet I am sure that there are many of these persons who are registered as Democrats who are much closer to the Republican point of view and who have the interest of the nation--as compared with their own personal interest--much more at heart than does Richard Feynman. (See Evidence of Disloyalty.) Any physicist or other scientist who registers as a Republican automatically stands out from the group; I am sure Richard Feynman was very much aware of this when he changed his political party affiliation from Independent Progressive to Republican in the spring of 1956. If political party affiliation has been an important factor in selecting Richard Feynman for consideration for this vital advisorship to the President, this is very unfortunate indeed--and in all probability will result in exactly the opposite of the desired effect.

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There are many able and eminent physicists in the United States, men who are older and more seasoned, but still young--persons who possess no pattern of emotional instability, persons who have no questionable background of having picked locks and opened safes while employed in a post like Los Alamos where security was of the essence, persons who are holders of the Nobel Prize--an honor of infinitely greater importance than the Einstein award--and many other honors and who are the originators of many tangible achievements in physics--such as the synchrotron and cyclotron, persons whose loyalty and irreproachable character can surely be easily established without question of doubt. Some of these persons are practical physicists--with a very thorough knowledge of creative as well as theoretical physics and of the scientific world--not mere mathematicians as is the case of theoretical physicists. I have in mind such persons as [redacted]

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Technology, to mention only a few. Are persons like these also being considered for the position of Science Advisor to the President? If not, why not? Why is a person like Richard Feynman, who was relatively unknown until he received the Einstein award in 1954 and who has never directed any large scientific project, given precedence over persons of this caliber? The deep underlying answer to this question may well be of great significance to the safety of America and of the American people.

I have prepared the material which I am submitting for your consideration in two sections--one section entitled Evidence of Disloyalty and one section entitled Character and Personality. Since it seems to me that time is of the essence, I am enclosing Evidence of Disloyalty with this letter, but I have not at this writing had time fully to prepare the second section of the report. You will notice in this letter and in the enclosed section of the report a number of references to the section entitled Character and Personality since this report contains detailed information which it seems to me the President of the United States and the F.B.I. should know about Richard Feynman if he is being considered for high public office and which I believe should be a part of the record in the interest of national security. The section entitled Character and Personality will be accompanied by certain photostated material that may be of interest and that I feel should also be a part of the record. I will of course try to submit the second section of the report as soon as possible. Headings

under which information is presented in the section of the report entitled Character and Personality speak for themselves. I believe: [redacted]

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[redacted] but I also know that if you are willing carefully to study the material which I am submitting and to follow up many details you will find very much to corroborate that what I say is true.

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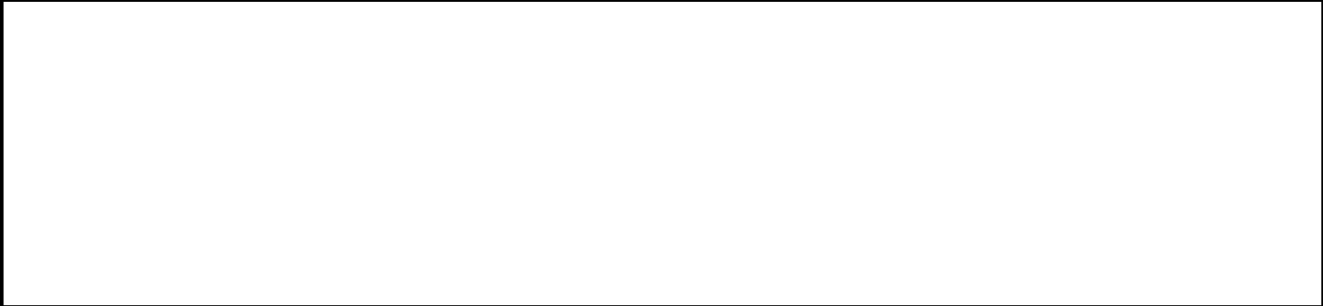
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Sincerely,

[redacted]

EVIDENCE OF DISLOYALTY


The following information probably adds little to the facts that are already known in a general way by the F.B.I. about Richard Feynman. But a collection of facts sometimes has a value that individual details do not



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Although Richard Feynman's ideas on political subjects were very far left, from my



have led me to this conclusion. I am also submitting a separate report entitled Character and Personality as an important supplement to this report, since many of the ideas presented here are infinitely more meaningful if they are considered with a knowledge of Richard Feynman's very complex personality.

ENCLOSURE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office BOSTON	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 8/8/58	Investigative Period 8/6/58
TITLE OF CASE RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN		Report made by [redacted] b7C [redacted] b7D	Typed By: baw
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY Limited Classification Review Conducted See Top Serial Form 4-771	

Synopsis: [redacted] MIT, and [redacted] Princeton University,
recommend.

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REFERENCE: Los Angeles airtel to Bureau dated 7/29/58 and WFO teletype
to Bureau dated 8/4/58.

DETAILS:

Investigation at South Bristol, Maine, conducted by SA [redacted]

On August 6, 1958, [redacted] *ah*
[redacted] Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 77 Massachusetts Avenue,
Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised that he first became acquainted with
RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN [redacted] *✓*
[redacted] Since then, he stated, he has had many contacts with
FEYNMAN in a professional capacity. He stated that he considers FEYNMAN
to be a person of good character and reputation and a loyal American citizen.
He stated that FEYNMAN is outstanding in his professional field and recom-
mended him favorably for a position of trust and confidence and technical ability.

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On August 6, 1958 [redacted]
Maine, advised that he is a [redacted] Princeton University,
Princeton, New Jersey. [redacted] stated that he first met RICHARD
PHILLIPS FEYNMAN [redacted] when FEYNMAN [redacted]
at Princeton University. According to [redacted] FEYNMAN [redacted]

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these years gradually focused his study on physics research. [redacted]
[redacted] related that FEYNMAN received a degree of Doctor of Philosophy
in Physics from Princeton University in 1942 and it was his belief that
FEYNMAN was the most capable and able physicist ever to have been graduated
from Princeton. [redacted]

[redacted]
physics and science. [redacted] related that he had never met any
of FEYNMAN's family nor ever discussed any personal matters with him.

He has seen FEYNMAN on many occasions [redacted] usually at
various physics conferences and meetings in many parts of the world. On
any of these occasions nothing but science or physics was ever discussed
by them. [redacted] stated he did not know the identity of any
scientists who might be close friends on a personal basis with FEYNMAN.

[redacted] stated that he did not know what relationship existed
between FEYNMAN [redacted] and was not aware of the fact that they
were neighbors in LOS ALAMOS [redacted]

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[redacted]
stated that during the time he has known FEYNMAN nothing has come to his
attention that would cause him to question his character, loyalty, reputa-
tion, or associates. [redacted] recommends FEYNMAN highly for a
position of trust with the United States Government.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (77-78660)

FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (77-1245)

RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
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ReBuair-tel 8/5/58.

Report submitted by SA [REDACTED], 8/5/58.
Attempt to locate [REDACTED] Oak
Ridge National Laboratory, on 8/1/58, determined absent from
residence until 8/4/58.

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FROM: SAC, NEWARK (116-2100)

RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
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ReBnairtel dated 8/5/58.

New Jersey State Selective Service files contained registration card and classification charts only as Selective Service files have been destroyed. FEYNMAN's registration card reflects he registered with LB #1, Princeton, N.J., 10/16/40, under Order #2522. The following information was contained on the card:

Date of birth: 5/11/18, NYC
Address: 174 Graduate College,
Princeton, N.J.
Father: MELVILLE ARTHUR FEYNMAN,
1502 Mott Ave.,
Far Rockaway, New York

Classification charts reflect FEYNMAN received following classifications (no dates or reasons indicated): 1A, 2A, 2B, 2B(F), 4A and 4F. Regarding 4F classification, the charts indicated FEYNMAN took physical examination on 6/20/46 and Board took classification action on 7/22/46 which, it is presumed, is the date FEYNMAN was classified 4F.

Newark report follows.

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Approved: Bob [signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, WFO (77-63389)

DATE: 8/7/58

SUBJECT: RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
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Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are two copies of the report of SA [] dated and captioned as above, at Washington, D.C. Also enclosed are two copies of a letterhead memo in the above-captioned matter.

INFORMANT

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Careful consideration has been given to the source concealed, and a T symbol was utilized only in that instance where the identity of the source must be concealed.

LEADWASHINGTON FIELD OFFICEAT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will attempt to locate and interview [] as requested in Bureau teletype dated 8/4/58.

This report is classified "confidential", inasmuch as records of the Security Office, Department of State, are so classified.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
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RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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Agent [redacted] as used in the report of Special
[redacted] dated and captioned as above,
at Washington, D.C., has furnished reliable information
in the past.

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Reporting Office WASHINGTON FIELD	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 8/7/58	Investigative Period 7/16-18, 22-25, 28-31; 8/1, 4, 5/58
TITLE OF CASE RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN		Report made by <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 150px;"></div>	Typed By: jcr
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

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Synopsis:

Records of White House office contain no information concerning appointee. USIA records contain no pertinent information. AEC records verified employment as consultant, and security records clear. Records of Department of State verified appointee was Visiting Professor of Physics, University of Brazil, 1951 - 1952. Records of National Bureau of Standards negative. Associates commented favorably. Records of Credit Bureau, Inc., MPD, USPP, and HCUA negative. Records of Secret Service, G-2, CIA, and CSC contain no additional pertinent information. Passport record favorable. Records of Security Office, Department of State, revealed appointee received invitation from USSR Embassy to attend scientific conference in Moscow in 1955. Appointee contacted the Soviet Embassy on two occasions concerning this matter and did not accept invitation.

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REFERENCES: Bureau Airtel dated July 15, 1958.
Baltimore Airtel dated July 18, 1958.
New York radiogram dated July 23, 1958.
Los Angeles Airtels dated July 24, 1958, and
July 25, 1958.
Albany radiogram dated July 31, 1958.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

EMPLOYMENT

The White House Office

On July 18, 1958, SA [redacted] determined that records of the Personnel Office contained no information concerning the appointee. b7C

United States Information Agency

The following investigation was conducted on July 17, 1958, by SA [redacted]

A review of the security records revealed a National Agency Check was conducted in February, 1956, for possible use of the appointee on a part-time free lance purchase order basis by the Press and Publications Service.

These records contained no additional pertinent information. b7C

[redacted] Records and Reports Branch, Personnel Division, advised his records contained no information concerning the appointee.

[redacted] Administrative Operations Branch, Press and Publications Section, advised his records contained no information indicating the appointee had been utilized on any basis.

Atomic Energy Commission

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

The appointee's official personnel file, as maintained in the Division of Organization and Personnel, ~~SECRET~~

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Germantown, Maryland, was reviewed on July 23, 1958, and revealed a contract on a consultant basis was made with the appointee from October 27, 1947, to November 10, 1947, on a per diem basis.

By letter dated November 11, 1947, the appointee resigned as Consultant for the reason that it interfered with his research. He served on the Reactor Safeguard Committee. No additional pertinent information was contained in the above records.

On July 24, 1958, [] Central Personnel Clearance Index, Personnel Security Standards Branch, Division of Security, Washington, D.C., advised the appointee obtained Q clearance from the Atomic Energy Commission on March 4, 1948, through the Brookhaven Area Office at New York, New York. This clearance was transferred on April 5, 1949, to the Santa Fe Operations Office, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Q clearance was terminated by the Brookhaven Area Office on June 11, 1949, by the Santa Fe Office on June 30, 1949.

AND

The files of the Washington Area Security Operations Office, Germantown, Maryland, contained no additional pertinent information.

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On July 25, 1958, [] [] Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, advised that neither she nor present members of the committee would be acquainted with the appointee.

On July 28, 1958, [] [] N.W., who was [] Reactor Safeguard Committee [] stated that to his recollection the appointee attended one meeting. [] advised his contact with the appointee is limited solely to the one meeting and he could therefore offer no positive comments other than to state the appointee enjoys a favorable reputation in the scientific field.

Department of State

The following investigation was conducted by

SA []

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On July 28, 1958, [redacted] Program Reporting Staff, International Educational Exchange Service, advised her records revealed the appointee received a grant under the Smith-Mundt Program to serve as a Visiting Professor of Physics at the Brazilian Center of Physical Research, University of Brazil, Rio de Janeiro, from September, 1951, to June, 1952.

These records contained no additional pertinent information concerning the appointee.

On July 29, 1958, [redacted] Personnel Operations Division, Office of Personnel, advised she could not locate any record of the appointee. She stated the appointee could attend any international conference in a private capacity or as a representative of a private or professional organization and her records could not reveal such, as they deal only with official representatives for the United States.

National Bureau of Standards

On July 30, 1958, [redacted] Records Section, Administrative Office, advised SA [redacted] that their records contained no information concerning the appointee.

ASSOCIATES

[redacted]

[redacted] He stated he has seen the appointee approximately twice since that time.

[redacted]

[redacted] advised the appointee is well versed in his field of endeavor and is dependable, trustworthy, and conscientious. He stated he knew nothing reflecting unfavorably as to the appointee's character, associates, reputation, or loyalty and recommended him for a position of trust and confidence with the government.

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On August 4, 1958, [redacted] Cornell University, who resides at [redacted] Arlington, Virginia, advised SA [redacted] that he first heard of the appointee through his work in physics at Los Alamos, New Mexico, and secured his appointment to teach at Cornell University [redacted] the appointee went to the California Institute of Technology. ✓

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[redacted] stated it was his understanding the appointee's first wife died when he was at Los Alamos and that he remarried subsequent to leaving Cornell University and was divorced because he is wedded to his work and a wife is merely an appendage.

[redacted] stated the appointee is a brilliant scientist and his time is totally consumed with his work. He stated he knew of nothing reflecting unfavorably as to the appointee's character, associates, reputation, or loyalty and recommended him for a position of trust and confidence with the government.

CREDIT AND POLICE AGENCIES

Records of the Credit Bureau, Inc., Washington, D.C., as checked on July 28, 1958, by SE [redacted] contained no information concerning the appointee.

Records of the Metropolitan Police Department, as checked on July 30, 1958, contained no information concerning the appointee. At all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and not available for review.

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Records of the United States Park Police, as checked on July 28, 1958, contained no information concerning the appointee.

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Records of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, as checked on July 17, 1958, contained no information concerning the appointee.

On July 24, 1958, [redacted] Personnel Division, Secret Service, United States Treasury Department, advised SA [redacted] her records contained no additional pertinent information concerning the appointee.

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Records of G-2, Department of the Army, as reviewed on August 1, 1958, by SA [] contained no additional pertinent information concerning the appointee.

On August 4, 1958, SA [] determined that the records of the Central Intelligence Agency contained no additional pertinent information concerning the appointee.

Records of the Investigations Division, Civil Service Commission, as reviewed on August 5, 1958, contained no additional pertinent information concerning the appointee.

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The records of the Passport Office, Department of State, as reviewed on July 24, 1958, by SE [] revealed RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN was issued Special Passport number 596 on July 17, 1945, for proposed indefinite travel to the Pacific Ocean areas and necessary countries en route as a member of the Santa Fe Mission.

He was issued passport number 115894 on July 7, 1949, for a proposed six weeks' trip to Brazil to give a series of lectures in physics at the University of Rio de Janeiro.

The above passport was renewed on June 15, 1951, for a proposed one year trip to Brazil as a participant in the Department of State Education Exchange Program as Visiting Professor of Theoretical Physics, University of Brazil, for the academic year 1951 - 1952.

The appointee was issued passport number 1599 on July 7, 1953, at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, for a proposed indefinite trip to Brazil and the United States.

The above passport was renewed on June 29, 1955, at Tokyo, Japan.

Los Angeles Series Passport number 548365 was issued June 28, 1957, for a proposed five weeks' tourist trip to Panama, Peru, Chile, Argentina, and Brazil.

The above records contained a birth certificate in the name of RICHARD FEYNMAN which verified his birth as May 11, 1918, New York, New York. He was indicated as having married ARLINE HELEN GREENBAUM on June 29, 1942. His wife was born December 21, 1919, and died June 16, 1945.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] No additional information was listed concerning this matter.

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The above records contained no additional pertinent information.

Records of the Office of Security, Department of State, as reviewed on July 25, 1958, contained a letter directed to the Department of State by the appointee dated January 14, 1955, in which he stated that on the previous day he had received a letter from Mr. ZAROUBIN, the Soviet Ambassador, inviting him to take part in a scientific conference in Moscow.

The appointee's letter stated the invitation came as a great surprise and that although the letter of invitation indicated the conference was purely scientific, the appointee felt that in the present relations of the United States with Russia, a visit by him to Moscow could have considerable non-scientific repercussions.

The appointee's letter requested advice from the Department of State as to what action he should take and stated he desired to cooperate with the Department of State.

The enclosed correspondence with the appointee's letter was dated January 10, 1953, and the letterhead read "Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Washington, D.C."

The invitation letter to the appointee reads as follows:

"January 10, 1955

"Professor RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
California Institute of Technology
Pasadena, California.

"Dear Professor FEYNMAN:

"The Academy of Sciences of the USSR has asked me to convey to you the invitation of the Academy to take part in the All-Union Conference on the Quantum Theory of Electrodynamics

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"and the Theory of Elementary Particles which will be held by the Academy of Sciences in Moscow from March 31 to April 6.

"The Academy will take care of all expenses connected with your stay in the Soviet Union.

"A letter containing the invitation and a preliminary program of the conference has been sent to you by Air Mail directly from Moscow.

"I shall be grateful to you if you will let me know whether you will accept the invitation of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR.

"Sincerely yours,

"GEORGI N. ZARUBIN
Ambassador of the Soviet Union
to the USA"

The above records contained a letter dated March 15, 1955, from [redacted] Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) Affairs, Department of State, which was directed to the appointee and urged him to decline the invitation on the basis of a strong indication that the Soviet Government was motivated to extend the invitation primarily for propaganda gains in the international political field and as the USSR was believed to have little intention of establishing more normal scientific relations which would involve greater exchange of mutually beneficial scientific interest. b7C

The above letter stated that in this connection it was to be noted that the presence of Western scientists at purely internal Soviet conferences and meetings is more susceptible to effective Soviet propaganda exploitation than contacts between Soviet and Western scientists at meetings for conferences of recognized international organizations or groups.

The above records contained no additional pertinent information.

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FROM: SAC, NEWARK (116-2100)

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RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
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ReBuairtel to Newark dated 8/5/58.

Reairtel reflects investigation by Albuquerque determined FEYNMAN employed University of California at Los Alamos, New Mexico, from 4/1/43 to 10/27/45. A 1947 PSQ completed by FEYNMAN reflects above employment from 4/42 through 10/45.

Recent investigation Princeton University, Princeton, N.J., determined FEYNMAN was offered an appointment as an instructor in physics at Princeton for the academic year 9/42 through 6/43. FEYNMAN did not accept this appointment. His letter of resignation, dated September, 1942, indicated he was going to accept an appointment as an assistant professor of Physics at the University of Wisconsin in September, 1942.

FEYNMAN, born 5/11/18, New York, NY, has Social Security #098-03-1009.



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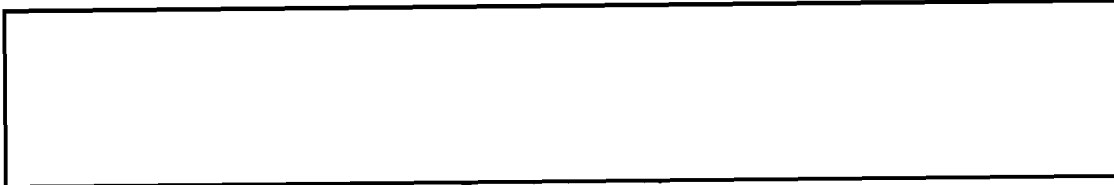
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Milwaukee verify FEYNMAN's employment at
University of Wisconsin. Handle at once and surep.

For information of the Bureau, Newark report
follows.

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TO: SAC, Newark (116-2100)
FROM: Director, FBI (77-78660)
SUBJECT: RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
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Re Bureau airtels dated 8/5/58.

Refer to report of SA [redacted]
dated 5/1/52, at Newark, captioned " [redacted]
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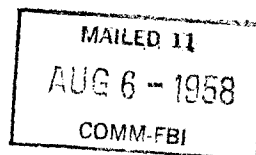
[redacted] Dr. Philip Feynman, professor
of physics, Cornell University, who was reported to be
a communist.

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Adams should be interviewed for source of and
basis for his statement re Feynman.

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Reporting Office LOS ANGELES	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 8/6/58	Investigative Period 8/4-6/58
TITLE OF CASE RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN		Report made by [redacted]	b7C Typed By: DLR
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY <i>United Classification</i> <i>Revised 8/10/58</i> <i>8/10/58</i>	

Synopsis: Reference [redacted] recommends appointee highly. b7C
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REFERENCES: New York teletype to Bureau and Los Angeles dated 8/4/58.
Bureau airtel to Los Angeles dated 8/4/58.
Los Angeles airtel to Bureau dated 8/5/58.
Bureau airtel to Los Angeles dated 8/5/58.

DETAILS:

[redacted] was interviewed by SA [redacted].

REFERENCE

On August 5, 1958 [redacted]
The Rand Corporation, 1700 Main Street, Santa Monica,
California, advised that he [redacted]

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he knows of no moral or personal criticism of the appointee

[REDACTED]

He said that during this period he had numerous conversations with the appointee and found the appointee to be an extrovert and a person who was interested in many things besides physics and one who has very honest opinions about his personal beliefs. He said that he recalled discussing with the appointee the Russians taking over the Hungarians in the recent revolution attempt and the appointee was very emphatic on this subject in indicating that he had no respect whatsoever for the Russians. He said that the appointee never expressed any sympathy toward the Russian Government nor does he have "much use for those individuals who are foolish enough to believe that the Russian leaders are in any way honest in their statements and accusations". He said that he recalled that during the 1952 election the appointee voted for President EISENHOWER, but that when he registered to vote he had put down "Independent" and that the Registrar of Voters Office had misconstrued this some way and had connected him with the Independent Progressive Party. He said that the appointee is opposed to the Independent Progressive Party and is of a more conservative political view.

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[REDACTED] said that he recalls the appointee mentioning on one occasion that he had [REDACTED] at Los Alamos and had talked to him on several occasions during the period that the appointee [REDACTED] were both working at Los Alamos. He said that he also recalled that the appointee was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

has, because of his profession, been professionally acquainted with Dr. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER, but he has no knowledge that this acquaintance was on a social basis and it is his opinion that

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the appointee could not be influenced in his ideas or beliefs by anyone.

He said that the appointee, like many scientists, has been irked by the "red tape" involved in connection with security regulations, particularly concerning projects that appear to have no reason to have strict security regulations; however, he is in favor of security regulations pertaining to any top secret projects. He stated that he is positive that the appointee would conform to the wishes of the government concerning the discussion of secret materials and projects. He said that he had heard the appointee mention his ability to pick locks as a hobby, but he believed that any activity such as to lock picking or opening safes by the appointee would only be done in jest and would not, under any circumstances, be done by the appointee in violation of any security regulations. He said that the appointee's moral character, personal habits, associates, reputation and loyalty are of the highest in his opinion and he would highly recommend the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

The 8th Report of the Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities to the 1955 Regular California Legislature, page 46, reflects the following:

"The Independent Progressive Party in California was quickly captured by the Communists, and by the time the Wallace for President campaign had swung into high gear was being operated lock stock and barrel by the Communist Party of California. Time after time the Committee in questioning witnesses throughout the state discovered that the leaders of the Communist Parties in various localities were identical with the leaders of the Independent Progressive Party in the same area. It is true, of course, that in the Independent Progressive Party there were many sincere liberals who, because of dissatisfaction with the two major political organizations registered as Independent Progressives and continued their affiliation until the true control of the I.P.P. became obvious."

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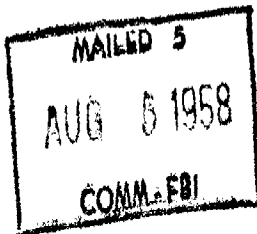
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FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (77-78660)
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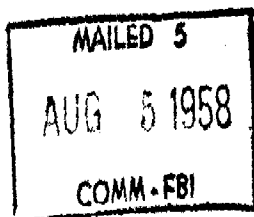
Re Los Angeles airtel dated 7/29/58, and Washington Field
teletype dated 8/4/58.

Handle immediately and surep without delay.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (77-10321)
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (77-78660)

RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN,
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Re New York teletype dated 8/4/58.

Submit supplemental report without delay.

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TO: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (77-1068)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (77-78660)

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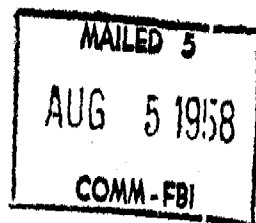
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Re WFO radiogram dated 8/4/58.

Expedite submission of supplemental report.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, NEWARK (116-2100)
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (77-78660)

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RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
SPI

Re Bureau airtel dated 8-5-58.

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Refer to report of SA [] dated 10-17-47,
at Newark re Feynman, which states he was appointed assistant
instructor in physics at Princeton University for academic
year of 1942-1943, but in September, 1943, resigned to accept
position as assistant professor at University of Wisconsin.

Investigation by Albuquerque reflects Feynman
employed University of California at Los Alamos, New Mexico,
from 4-1-43, to 10-27-45.

Furnish information as to exact dates Feynman was
employed by Princeton University. Period of time from June,
1942, when he received Ph. D. to 4-1-43, must be accounted
for. If records reflect Feynman ever employed University of
Wisconsin, set out necessary leads immediately.

Handle at once and advise.

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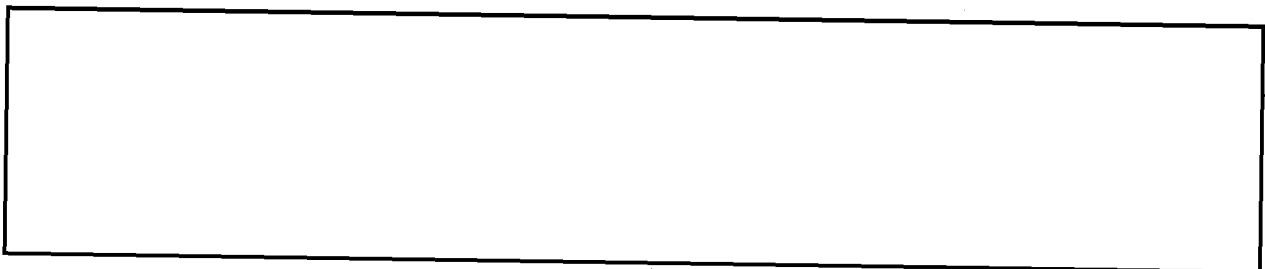
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FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (77-78660)

RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
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Rerep SA dated 7-25-58, at
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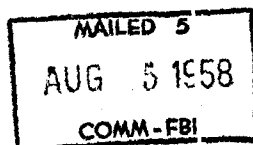
PSQ furnished with Bulet dated 9-16-47, reflects
Feynman registered with Mercer County Selective Service Board
Number One, Trenton, New Jersey, and classified 4F.

Review available Selective Service records for
pertinent information. Handle immediately and susairtel
results, immediately followed by report.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, WFO (77-63389)

8/5/58

RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
SPI

Re Los Angeles airtel 7/29/58.

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Bureau Liaison will handle interview of [REDACTED] UACB.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, WFO (77-63389)

8/5/58

RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
SPI

Re Los Angeles airtel 7/29/58.

Bureau Liaison will handle interview of [redacted] UACB.

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1 - WFO
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Thru his sec'y, [redacted] advised he only met Feynman once in his life that being when [redacted]

[redacted] Strauss unable to offer any further comment.

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Date: 8/5/58

Transmit the following message via AIR-TELAIR MAIL

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (77-78660)
FROM : *JFB* SAC, LOS ANGELES (77-10321)
RE : RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
SPI

ReBuair-tel 8/4/58.

Report of SA [] dated 7/29/58, has been submitted. Expeditionous attention being given lead set forth for LA in NY tel 8/4/58, and it is anticipated that report will be submitted tomorrow reflecting interview of []

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (77-78660)

DATE: 8/5/58

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE (77-1245)

SUBJECT: RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Re: Report of SA [REDACTED] 8/5/58, at Knoxville.

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Characterizations of [REDACTED] and J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER
not being included in this report as it is believed that these
characterizations will be fully covered by the report submitted by
the Albuquerque Division.

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1 - Knoxville

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office Knoxville	Office of Origin Bureau	Date 8/5/58	Investigative Period 8/4/58
TITLE OF CASE RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN		Report made by [redacted] b7C	Typed By: idh
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]	

Synopsis:

[redacted]
advises FEYNMAN is unpredictable and conservative. Recommends him highly as to character, associates and loyalty. [redacted] states FEYNMAN was a professional contact of [redacted] J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER [redacted]

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REFERENCE: Boston teletype to Bureau and Knoxville dated 8/1/58. b7C b7D

DETAILS: AT OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE:

On 8/4/58, [redacted] Oak Ridge National Laboratory, who resides at [redacted] advised that he has known RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN [redacted]

[redacted] advised that FEYNMAN is completely unpredictable and a person whom he would consider to be a "screwball", explaining

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		[signature]	

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that FEYNMAN is so unpredictable that "you cannot determine what his reaction would be in any particular set of circumstances". [] stated that FEYNMAN was known at Los Alamos as a reactionary, because he was so conservative in his ideas and would not go along with the ideas of many of the people there of the same profession who were much less conservative in their thinking than he was. [] stated he considers FEYNMAN to be a person of good character and completely loyal to the United States. He stated that FEYNMAN's associates were other theoretical physicists, among [] He stated that both he and FEYNMAN knew []

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[] their contact being purely professional. [] stated that FEYNMAN is not the type to be influenced by people such as he makes up his own mind concerning every problem and is inclined to make a decision although this decision will not be popular with the group with which he is in contact. [] [] stated that FEYNMAN was also a professional contact of J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER []

[] stated that he would recommend FEYNMAN for any position for which he was qualified to fill based on his contacts with him since 1936.

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TO : Director, FBI (77-78660)

DATE: 8/4/58

FROM : SAC, Buffalo (77-2608)

SUBJECT: RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
SPECIAL INQUIRYEnclosed herewith is the report of SA [redacted]
[redacted] dated 8/4/58 at Buffalo.Limited Classification
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Form 4-774REFERENCESDetroit teletype to Bureau and Buffalo, dated 7/29/58.
Buffalo teletype to Bureau and Washington Field, dated

8/4/58.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATADuring the course of this interview, [redacted] advised
that one [redacted] (NMU) who is mentioned in referenced teletype is
probably [redacted]Atomic Energy Commission. A teletype has been sent to Washington
Field requesting that [redacted] be located and interviewed for
information relative to the applicant [redacted]

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Reporting Office BUFFALO	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 8/4/58	Investigative Period 7/31; 8/1,4/58
TITLE OF CASE RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN		Report made by [redacted] b7C	Typed By: JOD
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY Limited Classification Review Conducted See Top Serial Form 4-774	

Synopsis:

[redacted] Rochester, N.Y., states applicant had periodic social and business contact with [redacted] when both were employed at Los Alamos, New Mexico. However, does not know exact extent of contact or association. States he believes applicant was entirely detached from political matters while at Los Alamos, that he also believes applicant is an excellent scientist and knows of no reason to doubt his loyalty, character or associates.

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DETAILS: AT ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

On August 4, 1958, [redacted] University of Rochester, Rochester, New York, advised that although he had known of the applicant [redacted] he had hardly any contact with him until [redacted] when both the applicant and he were employed in the Theoretical Physics Division of the

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Atomic Energy Project at Los Alamos, New Mexico. According to [redacted] the Theoretical Physics Division was divided into several groups headed by one individual who would be in charge and his assistant. According to the best of his recollection, he advised that the applicant was employed in one of the groups and that [redacted]

[redacted] was working in another group.

However, as a result of the organization of the Theoretical Physics Division, the divisional head together with the group leader and his assistant, formed what he termed a social hierarchy at Los Alamos. As a result of this, for an approximate two year period from about 1943 to 1945, he believes that the applicant [redacted]

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[redacted] He was unable to state how often this business contact would occur, but stated that it would depend largely upon the nature of the advancement being made in the Theoretical Physics Division.

[redacted] also stated that during this two year period, to the best of his recollection, the applicant's wife was in a sanitarium someplace in New Mexico for health reasons, probably tuberculosis, with the result that the applicant himself, was rather unattached during this period. He also advised that [redacted]

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[redacted] Division. [redacted] advised that he is unable to estimate how many times the applicant [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he also had periodic business contact with the applicant during this two year period and also had some social contact with him. He advised that as a result of these contacts, he is of the opinion that the applicant at least during

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this two year period, was entirely detached from any political matters, was not in any way concerned with various forms of Government and that matters of a political nature had absolutely no interest or appeal to him.

Based upon his knowledge of the applicant, [redacted] stated he believed that he is a very capable and excellent scientist and that he has no reason whatsoever to have any doubts concerning the applicant's character, associates, or his loyalty to the democratic principles of Government. He added that he felt that he could recommend the applicant without any reservation whatsoever except that he did not feel that the applicant could efficiently discharge the duties of a large administrative problem which necessitated constant contact with other individuals because of his personality. In explaining this, [redacted] advised that he feels that the applicant although an excellent scientist, would not be capable of performing detailed administrative duties. He added that this opinion should not in any way reflect upon the applicant's loyalty, character or his associates.

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Mr. Parsons	_____
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Mr. Tamm	_____
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TO DIRECTOR 3 AND SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM SAC, NEW YORK 1P

RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN, SPI. RE NEWARK TELETYPE TO WFO
SEVEN THIRTY LAST, NO COPY TO LOS ANGELES. REFERENCE

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CALIFORNIA. RESIDES [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. LOS ANGELES INTERVIEW. RUC.

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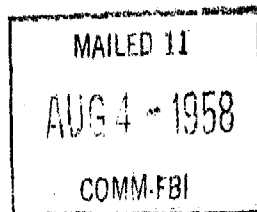
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Re your airtel dated 7-25-58.

Advise date of urrep and name of reporting Agent.
If report not yet submitted furnish reasons for delay in
detail.

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FROM SAC, BUFFALO 1 P

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RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN, SPI. RE DETROIT TEL BUREAU AND BUFFALO
JULY TWENTYNINE. APPLICANT BEING INVESTIGATED AT REQUEST OF WHITE
HOUSE AS MEMBER PRESIDENT-S SCIENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. BACKGROUND
CONTAINED IN WHO-S WHO. FEYNMAN EMPLOYED LOS ALAMOS PROJECT FORTY-
THREE THROUGH FORTYFIVE. [REDACTED] MICHIGAN,

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER, ADVISES [REDACTED] IS
UNDOUBTEDLY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WFO INTERVIEW

[REDACTED] RE HER KNOWLEDGE OF FEYNMAN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BUREAU REQUEST IMMEDIATE HANDLING.

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Date: 8/4/58

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Transmit the following in ENCODE
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Via RADIOGRAM URGENT
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI, AND SAC, ALBUQUERQUE

FROM: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD (77-63389)

RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN, SPI. REAQTEL JULY THIRTYONE.

WFO UNABLE TO REACH [REDACTED] FOR INTERVIEW. [REDACTED]

RETURNING TO LOS ALAMOS THIS DATE AND WILL DEPART FOR EUROPE
 WITHIN TEN DAYS. INTERVIEW.

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 2 - WFO
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Date: 8/4/58

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT

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Via TELETYPEDEFERRED

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, BOSTON

FROM: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD (77-63389)

RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN, SPI. REBUAIRTEL JULY FIFTEEN, CC
 BOSTON. APPOINTEE DID GRADUATE WORK [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, SUMMER OF FORTYONE. [REDACTED]

PRESENTLY LOCATED [REDACTED], MAINE, TELEPHONE

[REDACTED] INTERVIEW.

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 1-Teletype Unit
 1-WFO
 JWC:DRB
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 Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 8/2/58

Transmit the following message via PLAIN TEXTAIRTELAIR MAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, ALBANY (77-6047)
RE: RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
SPI

Re report of SA dated 8/1/58 at Albany.

Add status RUC at end of Synopsis, and Details.

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Albany copy has been corrected.

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1 - Albany (77-6047)

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Special Agent in Charge

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (77-78660)

DATE: 8/2/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (77-24031)

SUBJECT: RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
SPI

Enclosed herewith is the original and one copy of the report of SA [redacted] dated as above, at New York, concerning captioned individual, together with a letterhead memorandum setting forth the reliability of the confidential informant.

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[redacted] s former [redacted] whose identity is being concealed at his request.

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1 - New York (77-24031)

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York
August 2, 1958

RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
SPECIAL INQUIRY

[redacted] mentioned in the report of Special Agent
[redacted] dated as above at New York, concerning
captioned individual, has furnished reliable information in
the past.

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be disseminated to any unauthorized person or agency.

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Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 8/2/58	Investigative Period 8/2/58
TITLE OF CASE RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN		Report made by <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div>	b7C Typed By: bac
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY <div style="text-align: right;">Limited Classification Review Conducted See Top Serial Form 4-774</div>	

Synopsis:

who is acquainted with the appointee by virtue of his reputation as a physicist, advised he has never heard of the appointee being involved with any subversive organization or associating with anyone who was.

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REFERENCE: Albany radiogram to Bureau, ET AL, 7/31/58.

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DETAILS

Miscellaneous

advised on August 2, 1958 that he was acquainted with the appointee by virtue of his reputation as a physicist. However, he stated that he had never heard of the appointee being involved with any subversive organization or associating with anyone who was.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/1/58

FROM : SAC, ALBANY (77-6047)

SUBJECT: RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
SPI

Re report of SA [] dated 8/1/58
at Albany, enclosed. Also enclosed are copies of a
letterhead memorandum relating to the reliability of
informants mentioned in this report.

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REFERENCE: Buairtel dated 7/29/58

INFORMANTS

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Careful consideration has been given to the use of
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The only other established contact of this office in connection with Communist Party matters in Ithaca, New York during the period 1945-1950, appointee's residence in Ithaca, is [redacted] a resident in New York Field Division. b7C A request was made of New York by airtel dated July 31, 1958, to contact [redacted] for pertinent information.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

ALBANY, NEW YORK

AUGUST 1, 1958

RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
SPECIAL INQUIRY

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the
report of SA [redacted] dated August 1, 1958, at
Albany, New York, have furnished reliable information
in the past.

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This information is being furnished to you by
the FBI and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office ALBANY	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 8/1/58	Investigative Period 7/31/58
TITLE OF CASE RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN		Report made by SA b7C	Typed By: bjp
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

Synopsis:

Appointee not known to former member of Communist Party, Ithaca, N.Y., 1949 and 1950. **LUCILLE FEYNMAN** presently residing Syracuse, N.Y.

REFERENCE

Buairtel dated 7/29/58.
Albuquerque teletype to Bureau 7/31/58.
Albany radiogram to Bureau 7/31/58.

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DETAILS

AT ITHACA, NEW YORK

Confidential Informant a member of the Communist Party at Ithaca, New York, during the years 1949 and 1950 stated he did not know the appointee and never heard his name mentioned in connection with any activities of the Communist Party.

The Communist Party USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA

AT SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK

✓ [redacted] advised on August 1, 1958, that he was acquainted with the appointee during the time they were employed at Los Alamos. He stated they were acquainted both socially and professionally [redacted]. He stated he considered the appointee to be a very loyal American of excellent character. He stated he has never heard the appointee make any statement which would indicate his favoring any other form of government than that of the United States. He stated the appointee was interested in combination locks as a scientific problem, but never knew him to be successful in opening any safes or file cabinets. He stated that the appointee associated with the same type person as he is himself. He stated that they were acquainted [redacted] but he did not notice any unusual friendship [redacted] and the appointee. He stated he would recommend him for a position of trust in which the Government was interested.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [REDACTED]

AT SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

[REDACTED] advised on July 31, 1958,
that Mrs. LUCILLE FEYNMAN currently resided at 718 Ostrom
Avenue, Syracuse, New York.

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Syracuse University Directory for 1957-58 shows
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, KNOXVILLE
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RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN, SPI. BUFILE SEVENTY SEVEN DASH SEVEN EIGHT SIX SIX ZERO. BUDED JULY TWENTYEIGHT. RE AQ TEL TO BUREAU JULY THIRTY-ONE LAST. NO CC KX. WHITE HOUSE REQUESTS EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF FEYNMAN WHO IS BEING CONSIDERED AS A MEMBER OF PRSIDENT-S SCIENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. BORN MAY ELEVEN, NINETEEN EIGHTEEN AT NYC. CURRENTLY EMPLOYED AS PHYSICS PROFESSOR, CALIFORNIA INSTITUTUE OF TECHNOLOGY, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA. ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND CONTAINED IN CURRENT ISSUE OF WHO-S WHO. BUFILES CONTAIN NUMEROUS REFERNCES TO FEYNMAN-S ASSO- CIATION WITH [REDACTED] J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER.

FEYNMAN WAS PLACED ON BUREAU-S QUOTE NO CONTACT UNQUOTE LIST ON APRIL THIRTY, FIFTY EIGHT AFTER HE STATED HE DID NOT DESIRE TO BE INTERVIEWED BY BU AGENTS RELATIVE TO MATTERS OF ANY KIND. RECORDS OF UNIV. OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO, SHOW THAT WHILE APPLICANT EMPLOYED AT LOS ALAMOS, HE WORKED IN SAME DIVISION AS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BOTH OF WHOM REPORTED TO BE AVAILABLE AT MIT, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

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RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN, SPI, BUFILE 77-78660. RE ALBUQUERQUE
 TEL JULY 31, 1958. BUDED: JULY 28, 1958.

PERSONNEL OFFICE, CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (CIT),
 PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED TODAY THAT ONE

RECORDS CONTAIN NO
 INFORMATION CONCERNING CURRENT WHEREABOUTS AND HE LEFT NO
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI, SACS ALBANY, WASHINGTON FIELD, BOSTON,

FROM SAC, ALBUQUERQUE 2P

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CALIFORNIA AT LOS ALAMOS SHOW THAT THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WORKED IN SAME
DIVISION AS APPLICANT WHILE AT LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO.

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ALBANY INTERVIEW

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CORNELL UNIVERSITY. BOSTON INTERVIEW [REDACTED] AT M. I.

T. LOS ANGELES INTERVIEW [REDACTED] AT CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF

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[REDACTED] CORNELL UNIVERSITY PRESENTLY
 RESIDING [REDACTED] ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA. WFO
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 MEMBER OF CP, ITHACA, NEW YORK, [REDACTED] FOR INFORMATION
 REGARDING APPOINTEE. BUREAU REQUESTS REPORT TO REACH BUREAU
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Reporting Office ALBUQUERQUE	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 7/31/58	Investigative Period 7/30/58
TITLE OF CASE RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN		Report made by <div></div>	b7C Typed By: fd
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY <i>Initial Classification Review Conducted See Top Serial Form 4-774</i>	

Synopsis:

Former associate of applicant at Los Alamos advised FEYNMAN would have access to highly classified material at Los Alamos which was located in locked safes. This associate advised only association applicant had with would be association at work.

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REFERENCE: Butte teletype to Director dated 7/30/58.

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DETAILS:

EMPLOYMENT

AT LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO:

On July 30, 1958

Los Alamos

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Scientific Laboratory, advised he knew the applicant during the time he was employed [redacted] at Los Alamos as [redacted] and that in his opinion the applicant was one of the smartest young scientists that had ever been employed at Los Alamos, New Mexico. [redacted] stated that he had heard a story but he could not remember who told him or who actually witnessed it. According to [redacted] the story concerning the applicant was that he opened the master safe at Los Alamos before a group of fellow employees to prove to them that he knew something concerning locks and their workings.

[redacted] stated that in his opinion the applicant had access to the combination of the master vault where all of the combinations for the different safes throughout the Division were kept and that also the applicant had access to the most restricted and highly classified material of the Division as he was consulted on most problems by all of the different employees throughout the Division. [redacted] also stated that he has known the applicant since [redacted] and that he would highly recommend him for a position of trust as to character, loyalty, associates and reputation.

[redacted] then advised that he knew of no one else at Los Alamos as of this time who would know the applicant as they had all terminated and accepted positions elsewhere.

Continuing, [redacted] stated that he had read in the paper about two years ago where the applicant's wife was suing him for a divorce charging him with "playing the bongo drums too much and studying physics the rest of the time, thus giving no time to his family".

[redacted] advised that he believed the applicant was qualified for any position that he might attempt to secure as he considered him one of the smartest scientists in the United States.

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Date: 7/31/58

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (77-78660)

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (77-2608)

RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
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Re Detroit teletype 7/29 and Bureau airtel 7/30.

b7C [redacted] Rochester, N.Y. advised SA
[redacted] at
present and she does not expect him back until some time this
week end.

Report will be submitted immediately after interview.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Reporting Office ALBANY	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 7/30/58	Investigative Period 7/28/58
TITLE OF CASE RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN		Report made by [REDACTED] b7C	Typed By: ghg
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

Synopsis: **RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN, Physicist, UCLA, interviewed 8/2/50.**
Claims association with [REDACTED] purely social in that
[REDACTED] never attempted to obtain any type of information connected
with atomic research from him.

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REFERENCE: Bureau airtel dated 7/15/58.
Report of SA [REDACTED] at Albany dated 7/26/58.

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DETAILS: AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN, employed at the Institute of Numerical Analysis, University of California, at Los Angeles, was interviewed on August 2, 1950, and advised his first meeting with [REDACTED] in Ithaca, New York, [REDACTED] telephoned FEYNMAN and [REDACTED] FEYNMAN recalled that [REDACTED] He said he met [REDACTED]

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Ithaca. According to FEYNMAN no secret work was being conducted at the Cornell laboratories. He was positive that [REDACTED] was not attempting to obtain any information from FEYNMAN. He said that because [REDACTED] it was impossible for him to converse concerning topics concerned with the type of work FEYNMAN was doing. FEYNMAN at this time was of the opinion he last [REDACTED] in Ithaca, at which time FEYNMAN was in that city for a short period of time.

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Reporting Office BUTTE	Office of Origin BUFEAU	Date 7/30/58	Investigative Period 7/28/58
TITLE OF CASE RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN		Report made by <div></div>	Typed By: sgb
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

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Mexico. Claims he has been an expert at lock picking and combination locks and while at Los Alamos he opened cabinets containing classified data with the consent and knowledge of his superiors.

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[REDACTED] He was invited to visit Russia in 1953 and 1955 in the interest of science. [REDACTED] FEYNMAN is a brilliant theoretical physicist but unacceptable to her for any position with the U. S. Government which would require high moral character and emotional stability.

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REFERENCE: Detroit airtel to Bureau, 7/22/58;
Bureau airtel, 7/24/58.

DETAILS:

AT BOISE, IDAHO

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the son of an immigrant Russian Jew who is employed as a salesman in New York City, New York. [REDACTED]

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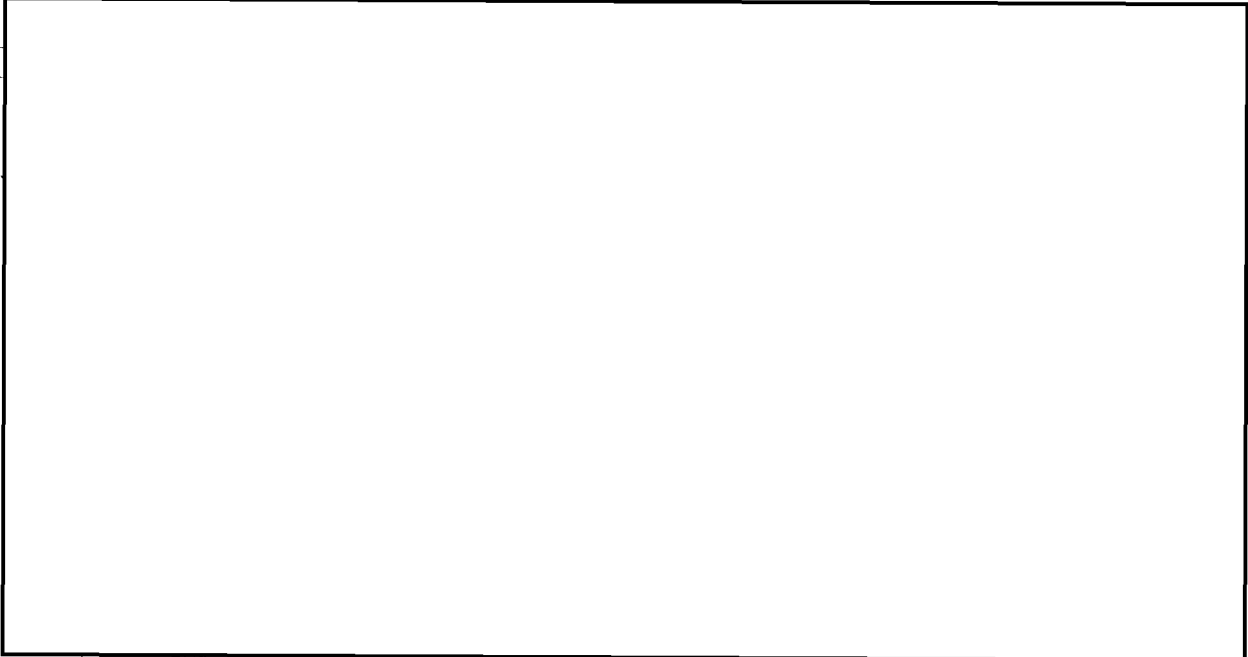
As a result, FEYNMAN grew to manhood with a deeply ingrained belief that he had a superior intellect and that he could do no wrong. [REDACTED] self-centered, opinionated, dogmatic and extremely egotistical. He loves to be the center of attention at all gatherings and pouts when he is not dominating the conversation or discussion. He makes a fetish of cultivating those who may assist him up the professional ladder and refers to most people as "stupid."

While at Cornell University and later at California Institute of Technology he has made every effort to secure the approval and approbation of his superiors and the administrative officers. He boasts of his academic background which includes graduation from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the acquisition of his doctorate in physical science or physics from Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, where he worked with the great mathematician, ALBERT EINSTEIN.

[REDACTED] FEYNMAN had married a young woman suffering from tuberculosis in the early forties but she died in 1945. [REDACTED]

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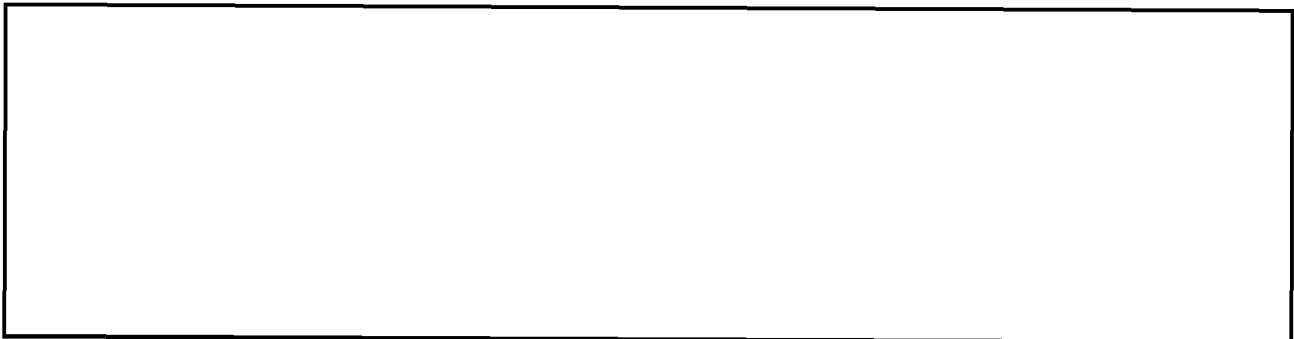
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he often regaled groups at parties with his stories about opening the super secret filing cabinets at Los Alamos and other places assigned. [redacted]



[redacted] said that FEYNMAN is possessed of an ungovernable temper and on frequent occasions would fly into uncontrollable rages over insignificant matters. He could not stand dissent or contradiction and would invariably

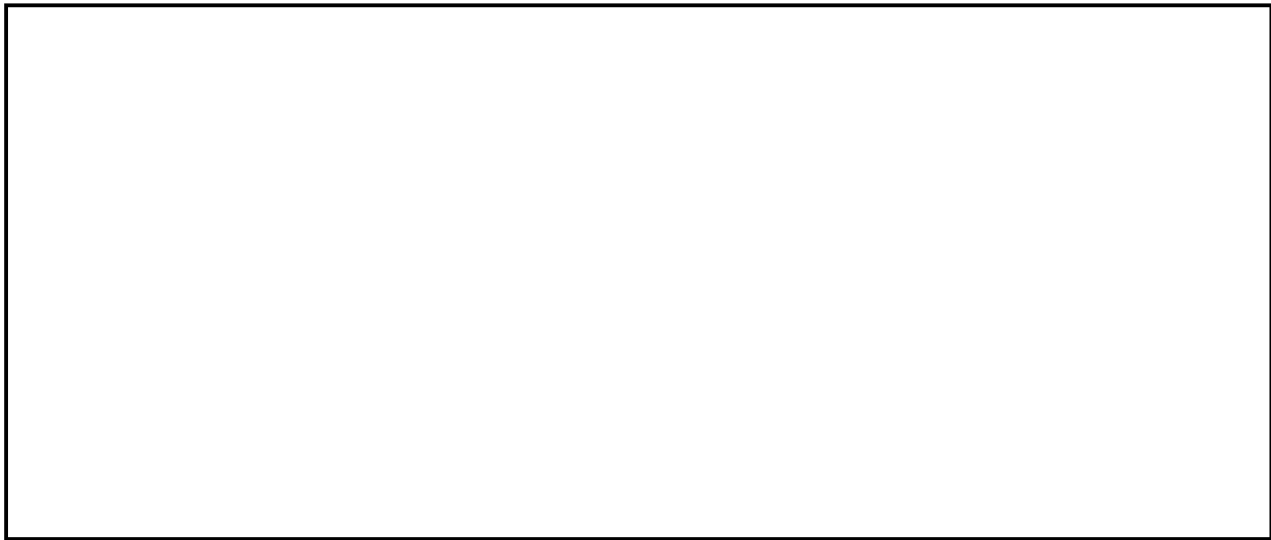


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[redacted] said that FEYNMAN was reared in the Jewish religion but has openly declared himself agnostic and an atheist, [redacted]

[redacted]
in the spring of 1956, with the cooperation of the director of the YMCA at Pasadena, California, he prepared a religious paper which he subsequently arranged to have printed in the monthly magazine sent by the California Institute of Technology to its students and graduates.



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[REDACTED] He said that from 1952 until 1956, FEYNMAN was a registered member of the Independent Progressive Party at Pasadena. [REDACTED]

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In 1953 he received an invitation to visit Russia in the interests of science and although he was anxious to go, the delay in securing clearance from the U. S. State Department prevented this trip. In 1955 he was again invited by the Russians to visit Russia for two weeks with expenses paid and, [REDACTED] he wanted to go, declined because he felt that a declination would be professionally expedient.

[REDACTED]
her. She said that her personal feeling is that FEYNMAN is without character or acceptable moral fiber. She

[REDACTED]
emphatically he is not acceptable to her as an appointment to any position with the U. S. Government which would require high moral character and emotional stability. She admitted, however, that FEYNMAN is undoubtedly a brilliant theoretical physicist and academically qualified for any position in his professional field.

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[REDACTED] stated she was reluctant to furnish a signed statement in this matter [REDACTED] with FEYNMAN [REDACTED] but she stated she is perfectly willing to testify to the facts furnished by her at any hearing board.

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		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

Synopsis:

recommends him. No credit or arrest record for appointee's mother at New York, NY.

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Reference:

Albany teletype to Bureau and New York, 7/28/58.
Los Angeles airtel to Bureau, 7/25/58.

Details:

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On July 29, 1953

was interviewed by SA , Glen Cove, New York.

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[redacted] stated that the appointee was a very pleasant, slightly introverted [redacted], who was interested primarily in scientific pursuits and who did not appear to be concerned with political matters. He stated that all of his conversations with him had concerned scientific or mathematical topics and that he knew absolutely nothing concerning the appointee's political attitudes. He commented that any statements which he might make concerning the appointee's political attitudes or tendencies would be pure speculation with no factual basis. He further stated that all of his recollections of the appointee were favorable and that to the best of his knowledge, the appointee is a loyal American citizen of good character, associates and reputation. He recommended him for a position of trust.

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Credit.

On July 28, 1958, [redacted] Credit Bureau of Greater New York, advised that her files contained no information concerning the appointee's mother, LUCILLE PHILLIPS FEYNMAN.

Arrest

On July 28, 1958, SA [redacted] caused the records of the New York City Police Department to be checked by [redacted] Bureau of Criminal Identification; [redacted] Information Unit; [redacted] Old Record Room (all of the above of the New York City Police Department); [redacted] Fingerprint Bureau, Magistrate's Court, City of New York. No record was located for the appointee's mother, above.

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RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN, SPI. RE LOS ANGELES AIRTEL
TO BUREAU JULY TWENTY FIVE LAST. INVESTIGATION PRINCETON,
N. J. REFLECTS [REDACTED]

PRINCETON, N. J. IS PRESENTLY AT THE SHERIDAN CARLTON
HOTEL, WASHINGTON, D.C. UNTIL AUGUST TWO NEXT WHEN HE IS
LEAVING FOR MAINE, ADDRESS UNKNOWN. WFO ATTEMPT CONTACT

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[REDACTED] WHO APPOINTEE LISTED AS A REFERENCE,

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TO: SAC, BUFFALO

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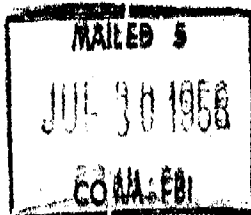
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HE WAS INVITED

TO VISIT RUSSIA IN NINETEEN FIFTYTHREE AND FIFTYFIVE IN THE
INTEREST OF SCIENCE. [REDACTED] FEYNMAN IS A BRILLIANT THEORETICAL
PHYSICIST BUT UNACCEPTABLE TO HER FOR ANY POSITION WITH THE U.S.
GOVERNMENT WHICH WOULD REQUIRE HIGH MORAL CHARACTER AND EMOTIONAL
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FROM SAC, DETROIT 1P

RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN, SPI. BUFILE SEVENTY SEVEN DASH SEVEN
EIGHT SIX SIX ZERO. RE DE AIRTEL TO BUREAU JULY TWENTY SIX LAST.
BUDED PAST. FEYNMAN BEING INVESTIGATED AT REQUEST OF WHITE
HOUSE AS A MEMBER OF PRESIDENT-S SCIENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.
BACKGROUND IS CONTAINED IN CURRENT EDITION OF WHO-S WHO. FEYNMAN
WAS EMPLOYED LOS ALAMOS PROJECT NINETEEN FORTY THREE TO FORTY FIVE.

SHE ADVISED THAT PERHAPS

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Contact established informants of uroffice re
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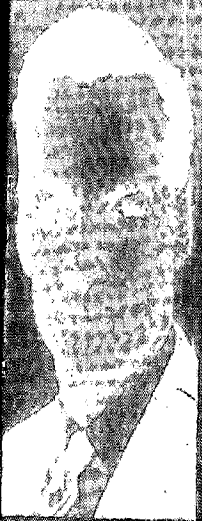
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RELIGION HEAD EXPLAINS VIEW

By YVONNE PATTEN

Dr. J. Wesley Robb, head of the department of religion, Friday explained and further strengthened his rebuttal of the statements of Caltech physicist Richard P. Feynman, made at the Sigma Xi seminar last Thursday night.

"Feynman gave a 'very naive' portrayal of religious people," Robb said.

"What he said doesn't bother me," Robb explained. "It's what he left unsaid that does."

Dogmatic Medieval Stage

It is Robb's opinion that the physicist gave the audience the impression that religion was still in a dogmatic medieval stage by stating there are some people unable to combine religion and the scientific method of inquiry.

He said that Feynman did not, however, speak of the liberal minded modern religious people who question the why of religion, not merely accept it.

Dynamic View

"Modern religious people," Robb said, "have a dynamic, not a static, view of God."

He explained this dynamic view as the belief that God is the essence of life and of all things in the universe.

He said Feynman gave the impression that people prayed to a stationary God who deals out favors like a politician deals out campaign pamphlets.

In the debate, following his talk, Feynman said that religious people can't weld the two pillars of western civilization—humility of the intellect (science) and the humility of the spirit (religion).

Book On Religion

At this point, Robb asked Feynman if the scientist had read any books recently on religion upon which Feynman could base his statement.

Feynman answered that religion is so old, any book written about it in the last year stating a new point of view would be a "truly remarkable book."

Robb pointed out that many books are attempting the combining of scientific and religious beliefs are currently coming out of such prominent universities as Columbia and Oxford.

"If we are scientific, it would

appear to me that we would investigate what current writers are thinking about the problem from both sides of the fence," Robb said.

"It would be analagous for me to go to Cal Tech and speak on the subject, 'A Religionist Looks at the Universe,' and to preface my discussion and conclude it with the remark that I know nothing about the Universe and have nothing from current scholarship to support my views."

No Religious Knowledge

Robb referred to the fact that Feynman spent the first 15 minutes of his lecture repeatedly saying that he knew nothing about religion, but proceeded to discuss the subject for almost two hours.

Robb said that the only alternative Feynman seemed to give against religious beliefs was agnosticism.

"You can be a seeker of truth and at the same time believe something about the Ultimate," Robb stated.

Always Conflict

"For the average person there is always a conflict between science and religion. Even scholarly religious men are always inquiring."

Robb said religious beliefs advance the same as in other fields.

"You don't have to be irreligious to inquire. This," Robb said, "is what Feynman's talk implied."

Night Seminar Turns Into Hot Verbal Battle

In an explosive discussion at the Sigma Xi spring seminar last night Dr. John Wesley Robb, head of the School of Religion, challenged the statements of Caltech physicist Dr. Richard P. Feynman concerning religion.

Almost shouting, Robb stood up in the crowded lecture room and said, "It seems to me you are giving a stereotyped view of religious people. Religious people have a dynamic not a static view of God."

Feynman Lecture

Robb's statement followed a lecture given by Feynman on "What one scientist thinks of religion."

In the talk, Feynman had said that it is not possible for religious people to have a set of metaphysical doctrines (he defined this to mean the word of God) without at sometime having them conflicting with science.

He said that there were two pillars upon which western civilization was based; humility of intellect (science) and humility of spirit (religion).

No Conflict

"Religious people are trained for many years to say there is no conflict between the two," Feynman said. "They tell me, 'We don't believe that God is a man with a white beard.' 'I tell them, neither do I. 'We agree', they say."

Feynman went on that when people begin wondering what is the greatest meaning in life, religion begins. He said people gather together and follow the doctrine of whatever they believe to be the greatest meaning.

"Then," he said, "people begin being dragged in a blind alley."

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"No one can be sure of anything," he asserted. "We must frankly admit we don't know. It keeps our minds open."

Condone Method

"We must think about what the universe means without man," he said, condoning the scientific methods toward life. "If we can't, it makes us the center of the universe." He said this was hard to believe."

Feynman said doubts about religion begin when a man begins to doubt the God or the beliefs of his fathers.

Audience Questions

This brought a torrent of questions from the audience. One man said that if a man begins to doubt God, he is acting God. He said that the definition of God is, infinite and that to question God is to pretend to be infinite and therefore to be God.

Feynman clarified his statement and raising his voice said that when questioning the existence of God, you are saying you don't know, referring again to his former statement that one must keep an open mind.

It was then that Dr. Robb hurtled, that Feynman's impressions of religious people were very naive. "Have you read any books recently on religion upon which to base your belief?" he asked.

Feynman threw back, "Religion is so old, that if there has been a book written about religion which states a new point of view in the last year, it is truly a remarkable book."

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 11, 1958

Personal and Confidential

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Will you please conduct full-field investigations of the following individuals who will be panel members of the President's Science Advisory Committee? Biographical information for each is attached.


Richard Phillip Feynman


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Sincerely,

s/Henry Roemer McPhee

Henry Roemer McPhee
Assistant Special Counsel
To the President

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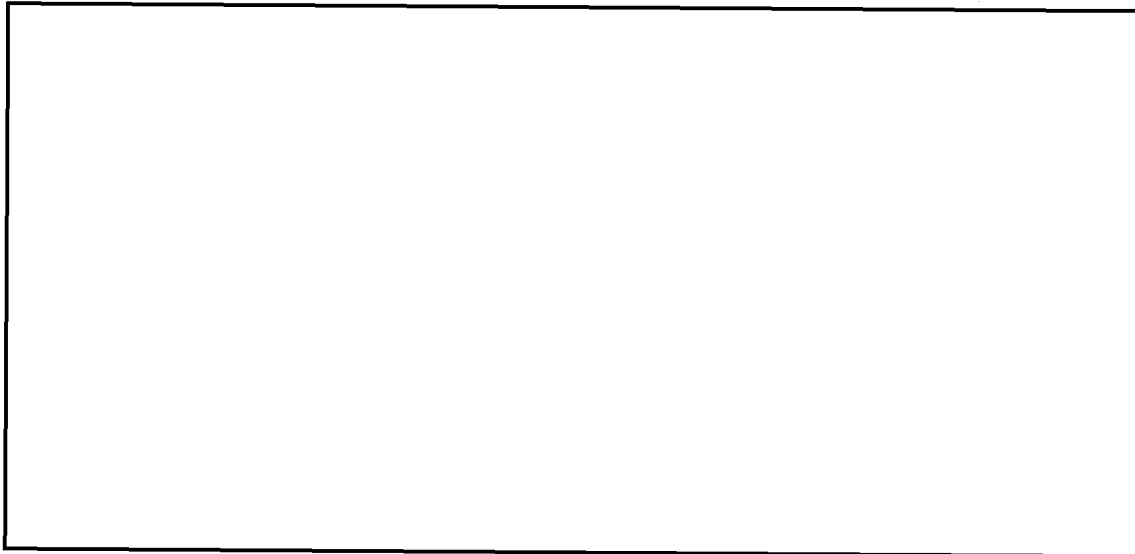
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Address: California Institute of Technology
Pasadena, California

Field: Theoretical Physics
Place of Birth: New York, N.Y.
Date of Birth: May 11, 1918
Married: 1952
Degrees: B.S., Mass. Inst. of Tech., 1939
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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (77-24031)

SUBJECT: RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
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Enclosed herewith is the report of SA [redacted]
dated as above at NY, concerning captioned individual.ADMINISTRATIVE

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Synopsis:

Former neighbor of appointee at Far Rockaway, NY, and friend of appointee's family, was not aware of any close association between him and and did not believe such an association existed.

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Miscellaneous

On September 9, 1958, 1502 Mott Avenue, Far Rockaway, New York, advised the appointee's family resided in an apartment at this address from approximately 1933 to 1948.

She recalled

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[REDACTED] was not aware of any close association between the appointee and [REDACTED] and did not believe that such an association existed inasmuch as the appointee has attended school or has been employed outside of the New York City area since the 1930's. She stated that the appointee's mother [REDACTED] appeared friendly and [REDACTED]

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On September 3, 1958, [REDACTED] 1502 Mott Avenue, Far Rockaway, New York, advised that they were unable to furnish any information concerning the appointee's association with [REDACTED] and were unable to suggest any other resident of New York City who could, other than [REDACTED] above.

A review of current New York City telephone directories on September 9, 1958 disclosed that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] respectively, operate an office located at [REDACTED] New York, New York. The residential address of [REDACTED] New York, New York. There was no residential listing for [REDACTED]

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Honorable Sherman Adams
The Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Adams:

In accordance with the request of Mr. Henry Roemer McPhee in his letter of July 11, 1958, an investigation of Dr. Richard Phillips Feynman has been conducted by this Bureau.

An applicant-type investigation of Dr. Feynman was conducted by this Bureau in 1947 at the request of another governmental agency. The enclosed summary memorandum contains the results of the 1947 investigation as well as the results of current inquiries.

On pages 25 and 26 of the enclosed summary memorandum, reference is made to the interview of [redacted] Dr. Feynman [redacted] and to her letter to this Bureau dated August 8, 1958. [redacted] is being recontacted by representatives of this Bureau for more specific details and for clarification of some of the statements and allegations in her letter. You will be furnished with any pertinent developments in this regard.

Please be advised that the investigations of Dr. Feynman covered inquiries as to his character, loyalty, general standing and ability, but no inquiries were made concerning the sources of his income.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Request received 7/11/58 by letter of same date from White House to investigate Feynman who is being considered as a member of the President's Science Advisory Committee. Feynman investigated 1947 for Atomic Energy Commission. That investigation as well as current inquiries reflect Feynman highly regarded as a physicist and generally considered loyal in spite of his association [redacted] Robert Oppenheimer. [redacted]

[redacted] interviewed during current inquiries and would not recommend. She questions his loyalty

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[redacted] She is presently being recontacted for clarification and specifics in regard to this letter. Summary being sent Attorney General inasmuch as this involves Presidential appointment.

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September 5, 1958

RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN

This summary memorandum contains the results of an applicant-type investigation conducted by this Bureau in 1947, as well as the results of current inquiries made by this Bureau concerning Richard Phillips Feynman.

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I. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Birth

Richard Phillips Feynman was born on May 11, 1918, in New York City. His father, Melville A. Feynman, is deceased. His mother, Lucille Phillips Feynman, resides in Syracuse, New York.

Education

Dr. Feynman has the following educational record:

Dr. Feynman attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, from 1935 to 1939, when he was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in physics.

Dr. Feynman attended Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, from 1939 to 1942, when he was awarded a Doctor of Philosophy degree.

Employment

Dr. Feynman has the following employment record:

On a Personnel Security Questionnaire executed in 1947 by Dr. Feynman, he stated he served in the capacity of a hotel clerk at the Arnold Hotel, Far Rockaway, New York. It has been determined that this hotel is no longer in operation and that no records concerning former employees are available.

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Richard Phillips Feynman

Dr. Feynman reportedly was a chemist in 1938 with the Metaplast Process, Incorporated, Long Island City, New York. It has been determined that no records concerning employees of this firm for the year 1938 are available.

During 1939 and 1940, Dr. Feynman held the position on a part-time basis of research assistant in physics at Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey.

From June, 1941, to September, 1941, he was employed as a junior physicist by the Frankford Arsenal in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He resigned to return to school.

From 1942 to October of 1945, Dr. Feynman was employed in the capacity of physicist by the University of California. This employment was at Los Alamos, New Mexico. He voluntarily resigned from this employment.

From October, 1945, to June, 1950, Dr. Feynman was employed on the faculty at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. He was appointed to the position of assistant professor of physics. In January, 1947, he was appointed associate professor of physics, and in February, 1950, he was appointed acting professor of physics.

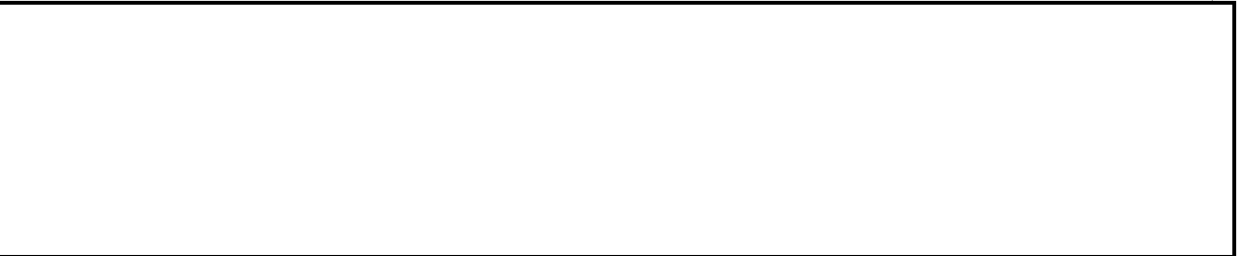
From July, 1950, to June, 1958, Dr. Feynman served in the capacity of professor of theoretical physics at the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California. During this period, he was a visiting professor at the University of Brazil in Rio de Janeiro, from July, 1951, to July, 1952. Dr. Feynman was granted a leave of absence from California Institute of Technology beginning in June, 1958, and this leave of absence was to extend to the end of December, 1958. This leave of absence was granted Dr. Feynman in order that he could attend scientific meetings in Europe, and in order that he might accept an appointment to the position of visiting professor at Cornell University which is to be for the period from October 1 to December 31, 1958.

Richard Phillips Feynman

In addition to the above, Dr. Feynman served in the position of consultant to the Physics Department, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, New York, during 1946 and 1947; in February, 1949, he was visiting professor of physics, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California; he was a lecturer during the Summer of 1950 at the Institute for Numerical Analysis at the University of California at Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California; he was engaged in independent research at Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, New York, during July and August, 1956; he was a consultant to the Hughes Aircraft Company, Culver City, California, from October, 1956, to May, 1957, and also from October, 1957, to June, 1958; and he is presently a consultant to the Electronics Controls System, West Los Angeles, California.

Marital Status

Dr. Feynman married Arline Greenbaum in June, 1942. No children were born of this union. Arline Greenbaum Feynman died in June, 1945.



Selective Service

Investigation at the New Jersey State Selective Service Headquarters, Trenton, New Jersey, revealed that the State Selective Service files have been destroyed. However, Selective Service registration cards and classification charts are available. A Selective Service registration card pertaining to Dr. Feynman reflected that he registered with Local Board #1, Princeton, New Jersey, on October 16, 1940.

Richard Phillips Feynman

The classification charts pertaining to Dr. Feynman reveal that he was given the following classifications: 1-A, 2-A, 2-B (F), 4-A and 4-F.

The classification charts did not indicate the dates for these classifications, but did reflect that Dr. Feynman was given a physical examination on June 20, 1946, and that the local board took classification action on July 22, 1946. The person in charge of the classification charts at the State Selective Service Headquarters stated that this local board action on July 22, 1946, he presumed, was the action which gave Dr. Feynman the 4-F classification reflected above. The charts did not indicate the reason for the 4-F classification.

II. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATIONS

Interviews

The following persons contacted during these investigations commented favorably regarding Dr. Feynman's character, loyalty and associates, and they recommended him for a position of trust and confidence (year of interview set forth in each instance):

[redacted] Jet Propulsion
Laboratory, California Institute of
Technology, Pasadena, California.

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[redacted] stated he has known Dr. Feynman since 1953 and considers him to be a loyal American of good habits, character and associates. [redacted] said that Dr. Feynman has indicated a willingness to serve the United States Government in any way he can through his vast scientific knowledge. He advised Dr. Feynman enjoys playing the bongo drums in his leisure time, and that Dr. Feynman [redacted]

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[redacted] said he recalls seeing a newspaper article which allegedly quoted Mrs. Feynman as stating the divorce action was based upon Dr. Feynman's devotion to his bongo drums and his work. [redacted] said he is of the opinion the newspaper article did not contain the true

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[redacted] California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California.

[redacted] stated he has known Dr. Feynman since [redacted] when they were both employed in Los Alamos, New Mexico. He said he considers Dr. Feynman to be a very good scientist who is completely trustworthy and dependable. He advised that Dr. Feynman is a complete extrovert, enjoys going to parties and plays the bongo drums in his leisure time. He remarked that Dr. Feynman [redacted]

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[redacted] California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California. [redacted]

[redacted] stated he has been closely associated with Dr. Feynman at California Institute of Technology [redacted] and believes he is completely trustworthy and dependable. He described Dr. Feynman as a "first-rate physicist" and a person who is very outspoken. He said he would recommend Dr. Feynman for a position of trust and confidence. (1958)

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[redacted] California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California. [redacted]

[redacted] stated he has known Dr. Feynman since [redacted] and has worked [redacted]

[redacted] He considers Dr. Feynman to be one of the outstanding theoretical physicists in the country and believes he is a loyal American of good character and associates. He said Dr. Feynman [redacted]

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Schenectady, New York. [REDACTED] said he was socially and professionally acquainted with Dr. Feynman at Los Alamos, New Mexico, and considered him to be a loyal American of excellent character. (1958)

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[REDACTED] Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico. [REDACTED] stated that he and Dr. Feynman were employed [REDACTED] at Los Alamos, New Mexico, and he said he would highly recommend Dr. Feynman as to character, loyalty, associates and reputation. He said he heard that on one occasion Dr. Feynman opened the master safe at Los Alamos, New Mexico, in the presence of a group of fellow employees to prove to them that he knew something concerning locks and their workings. He said he could not recall who told him this or who was present on the occasion. (1958)

[REDACTED] Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico. [REDACTED] said she would highly recommend Dr. Feynman for a position of trust with the Government. (1958)

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[REDACTED], Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico. [REDACTED] stated she knew Dr. Feynman at Los Alamos, New Mexico, and considered him to be honest, reliable and of good moral character. [REDACTED] described Dr. Feynman as an outstanding person in all respects. (1958)

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[redacted] Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico. [redacted] stated that in his opinion "there is no smarter scientist in the United States" than Dr. Feynman. He recommended him for a position with the Government. (1958)

[redacted] Ithaca, New York. [redacted] advised that Dr. Feynman [redacted] described Dr. Feynman as a quiet, respectable, pleasant individual and stated she had no reason to question his loyalty or reputation. (1958)

[redacted] Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. [redacted] advised he worked with Dr. Feynman at Princeton University, Cornell University and Los Alamos, New Mexico. He stated Dr. Feynman is considered to be one of the outstanding physicists in this country, and he has no reason to question his character, reputation, loyalty or associates. (1958)

[redacted] Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. [redacted] said he has known Dr. Feynman for approximately [redacted] and worked with him at Los Alamos, New Mexico. He described him as one of the outstanding physicists in this country and said he would not hesitate to recommend him for a position of trust and responsibility. He commented that Dr. Feynman is an accomplished jazz drummer. (1958)

[redacted] Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. [redacted] stated he was acquainted

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Richard Phillips Feynman

with Dr. Feynman at Cornell University. He described Dr. Feynman as highly dependable and stated he has no question as to the loyalty, discretion, reputation or associates of Dr. Feynman. (1958)

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[redacted] Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. [redacted] recommended Dr. Feynman as to his loyalty, character and associates. He pointed out that "lock picking" was one of Dr. Feynman's numerous hobbies, and Dr. Feynman has developed a fair degree of skill in opening locks. He said Dr. Feynman had expressed an ambition to be able to open safes. [redacted] advised that he was certain this was not indicative of any criminal tendencies on the part of Dr. Feynman but was merely one of the works of a brilliant mathematical mind challenged by a device considered practically impossible of solution by the ordinary individual. (1947)

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[redacted] Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. [redacted] described Dr. Feynman as a brilliant young physicist of excellent character and reputation. He said that

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[redacted] Dr. Feynman to Cornell University and that [redacted] described Dr. Feynman as a prodigy in the field of outstanding young scientists in Los Alamos, New Mexico. (1947)

[redacted] Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. [redacted] advised that he first met Dr. Feynman in [redacted] and that he had some association with him at Princeton University [redacted] In addition, he said he worked closely with Dr. Feynman from

Richard Phillips Feynman

[redacted] at Los Alamos, New Mexico. He described Dr. Feynman as a very brilliant young scientist and as one of the most promising young scientists in the country today. He said he considered Dr. Feynman to be "politically liberal," but sound, loyal to this Government, completely trustworthy and well qualified from the standpoint of character, loyalty and associates to be employed on a confidential Government project. (1947)

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[redacted] California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California. [redacted] advised that he has been acquainted with Dr. Feynman as [redacted]

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at California Institute of Technology

[redacted] He stated that he sees Dr. Feynman daily and has close personal

[redacted] He said that although Dr. Feynman is the type of individual who does not like regulations, he believes that Dr. Feynman would conform to Government requirements involving security regulations. He said that based upon his knowledge of Dr. Feynman he believes him to be a loyal person of good moral character, reputation and associates. He said that he does not believe Dr. Feynman is politically active and he recommended him for a position of trust and confidence. (1958)

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[redacted] Hughes Aircraft Company, Culver City, California. Mr. Heller advised that he has known Dr. Feynman for approximately [redacted]

[redacted] He said Dr. Feynman is highly regarded as a scientist and is considered one of the outstanding physicists in the country. He said Dr. Feynman is a very brilliant individual and is irritated by security regulations since he feels they slow down the advancement of science in this country. He said that he believes, however, that Dr. Feynman would comply with security regulations, but he has been known to show impatience and temper at security problems and investigators. He said, for example, that he recalled at one time Dr. Feynman demonstrated to some security people how worthless the locking procedure was on confidential items and he demonstrated this fact by "picking the locks" of secured cabinets. [redacted] said "lock picking" is fascinating to Dr. Feynman, and he is an expert "lock picker."

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In regard to Dr. Feynman's associates, [redacted] said he did not know with whom Dr. Feynman associated at Los Alamos since he, [redacted], was not associated with Dr. Feynman in Los Alamos. He said, however, that he worked with Dr. Feynman at Princeton University and was aware that Dr. Feynman had [redacted] Los Alamos [redacted] He said

although he is aware that Dr. Feynman is acquainted with Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, he likewise does not believe that Dr. Feynman had any close relationship with him, Dr. Oppenheimer.

[redacted] continued by stating that Dr. Feynman is well regarded professionally and personally, and he has no reason to question his moral character, reputation or loyalty. He said he knew of no political activities on the part of Dr. Feynman and in fact believes that Dr. Feynman has no particular interest in politics. He emphasized that although Dr. Feynman may object to all of the various security regulations, he does not believe that he would be disloyal in this regard, and in fact, he believes he would conform to the necessary security regulations and would be secretive about his work.

[redacted] concluded by recommending Dr. Feynman for a position of trust and confidence. (1958)

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Pasadena, California. [redacted]

advised that he resided at [redacted]
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[redacted] and was acquainted
there with Dr. Feynman as a neighbor

[redacted] He said
that Dr. Feynman [redacted]
residing at 844 Alameda Street [redacted]
[redacted]

846 Alameda Street. He said the building
in which Dr. Feynman was residing was
comprised of duplex apartments, and he
said Dr. Feynman did not associate with
any of the other neighbors. He said

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Dr. Feynman enjoyed playing the bongo drums on
occasions, but he is aware of nothing disturb-
ing in this regard. He said that Dr. Feynman
and his wife separated and were divorced about
[redacted]

Dr. Feynman at various times had been
visited in his, Dr. Feynman's, apartment
by certain ladies, but he, [redacted] did
not know the identities of these ladies or
the purpose of their visits. He said that
he had no reason to believe that Dr. Feynman
was other than a person of good moral charac-
ter, conduct, personal habits, reputation and
associates. [redacted] further added that he
never had any occasion to question Dr. Feynman's
loyalty to the United States. (1958)

[redacted] The Rand
Corporation, Santa Monica, California.

[redacted] advised that he has known

Dr. Feynman since about [redacted]
met him at California Institute of
Technology. He said that his acquaintance

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with Dr. Feynman was [redacted]

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him socially to some degree. He said

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he had no knowledge whatsoever of any
extramarital relationships on the part of
either Dr. Feynman [redacted]

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[redacted] said that he is aware that

Dr. Feynman was acquainted [redacted]
at Los Alamos, but he did not believe that
he was closely acquainted with him and
recalled that Dr. Feynman had expressed

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he is also aware that Dr. Feynman was
acquainted with Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer,
but he believes this was a professional
association in the field of physics, and
he was not aware that they were close
personal friends. He said that he had
never heard Dr. Feynman discuss security
matters, and he believes that he would
be sincere and conform to the security
requirements in connection with a position
of trust with the Government although he
might gripe about the stringent regulations.

[redacted] concluded by stating that he
personally considers Dr. Feynman to be a
loyal person of good moral character,
reputation and associations, and he
recommended him for a position of trust
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[redacted] He said that he has had some
social contact with Dr. Feynman and was

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He said that Dr. Feynman has in the past
expressed his dislike for "red tape" and
regulations in general, but he believes
that Dr. Feynman will conform to necessary
security regulations involved in a position
of trust with the Federal Government. He
said that Dr. Feynman enjoys social activities
and parties, and he is always the center of
attraction at such affairs since he is an
extrovert and can talk intelligently on
any subject. He said he is aware that

[redacted]
that politically Dr. Feynman is conservative
in every way and has no use for scientists
who "dabble" in politics. He said that Dr. Feynman
is not known to him to have any disloyal or
procommunist sympathies. He said Dr. Feynman
has a mind of his own and is very opinionated
about some things although not uncooperative.
He said that he has always found Dr. Feynman
to be especially reliable and dependable,
and he recommended him for a position of
trust and confidence. He also said that he
has no knowledge of any association between
Dr. Feynman [redacted] or Dr. J. Robert
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[redacted] Santa Monica, California.

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[redacted] but that he knew
of no moral or personal criticism of either
Dr. Feynman [redacted]

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He said that during the period that he knew Dr. Feynman he had numerous conversations with him and found him to be an extrovert and a person who was interested in many things besides physics. He also found him to have very honest opinions about his personal beliefs. He said that he recalled discussing with Dr. Feynman the "taking over of the Hungarians" by the Russians in the recent revolution attempt. He said that Dr. Feynman was very emphatic on this subject in indicating that he had no respect whatsoever for the Russians. He said that Dr. Feynman never expressed any sympathy toward the Russian Government, nor does he have "much use for those individuals who are foolish enough to believe that the Russian leaders are in any way honest in their statements and accusations." [redacted] said he recalled that during the 1952 election Dr. Feynman voted for President Eisenhower but that when he registered to vote he had put down "Independent" and that the Registrar of Voters Office had misconstrued this in some way and had

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connected him with the Independent Progressive Party. [] said that Dr. Feynman is opposed to the Independent Progressive Party and has a more conservative political view than the members of the Independent Progressive Party.

[] said that he recalls that Dr. Feynman on one occasion had mentioned he []

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regard. He said that Dr. Feynman has, because of his profession, been acquainted with Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, but he has no knowledge that this acquaintance was also on a social basis, and it is his opinion that Dr. Feynman could not be influenced in his ideas or beliefs by anyone. [] said that Dr. Feynman, like many scientists, has been irked by the "red tape" involved in connection with security regulations, particularly concerning projects that appear to have no reason for strict security regulations. However, he said Dr. Feynman is in favor of security regulations pertaining to any "top secret" projects. He said he is positive that Dr. Feynman would conform to the wishes of the Government concerning the discussion of secret materials and projects. He said he had heard Dr. Feynman mention his ability to pick locks as being a hobby, but he believes that any activity such as lock picking or opening safes on the part of

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Dr. Feynman would be done only in jest and would not under any circumstances be done in violation of any security regulations. He said Dr. Feynman is a loyal person of high moral character, good personal habits, associates and reputation, and he highly recommended him for a position of trust and confidence. (1958)

The 8th Report of the Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities to the 1955 Regular California Legislature, page 46, reflects the following: "The Independent Progressive Party in California was quickly captured by the Communists, and by the time the Wallace for President Campaign had swung into high gear was being operated lock, stock and barrel by the Communist Party of California. Time after time the Committee in questioning witnesses throughout the state discovered that the leaders of the Communist Parties in various localities were identical with the leaders of the Independent Progressive Party in the same area. It is true, of course, that in the Independent Progressive Party there were many sincere liberals who, because of dissatisfaction with the two major political organizations registered as Independent Progressives and continued their affiliations until the true control of the I.P.P. became obvious."

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[redacted], Los Alamos, Scientific Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico. [redacted] advised he has known Dr. Feynman for approximately [redacted]

[redacted] Dr. Feynman at Los Alamos [redacted]

[redacted] said that in his opinion Dr. Feynman was one of the smartest young scientists in the United States and was a person who had as much to do with the development of the atomic bomb as anyone in the United States. He said that during the time Dr. Feynman was at Los Alamos he, Dr. Feynman, was a group leader and as such would have had access to any of the material concerning the atomic bomb.

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[redacted] advised that he had heard a story concerning Dr. Feynman but could not remember who related the story to him, nor could he recall any of the individuals who might have witnessed the incident. The story, according to [redacted] was that Dr. Feynman opened the master safe at Los Alamos before a group of fellow employees to prove his point that the atomic bomb information should be placed in a more secure place. [redacted] had no further details concerning this matter.

[redacted] concluded by stating that he would highly recommend Dr. Feynman for a position of trust based on his character, loyalty, associates and reputation. (1958)

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Ten additional individuals interviewed during the 1947 investigation, as well as twenty-one additional individuals interviewed during the current inquiries, commented favorably with regard to the loyalty, character, reputation and associates of Dr. Feynman and recommended him for a position of trust and confidence. It is to be noted that a number of these additional individuals interviewed during 1958 were aware of Dr. Feynman's [redacted]

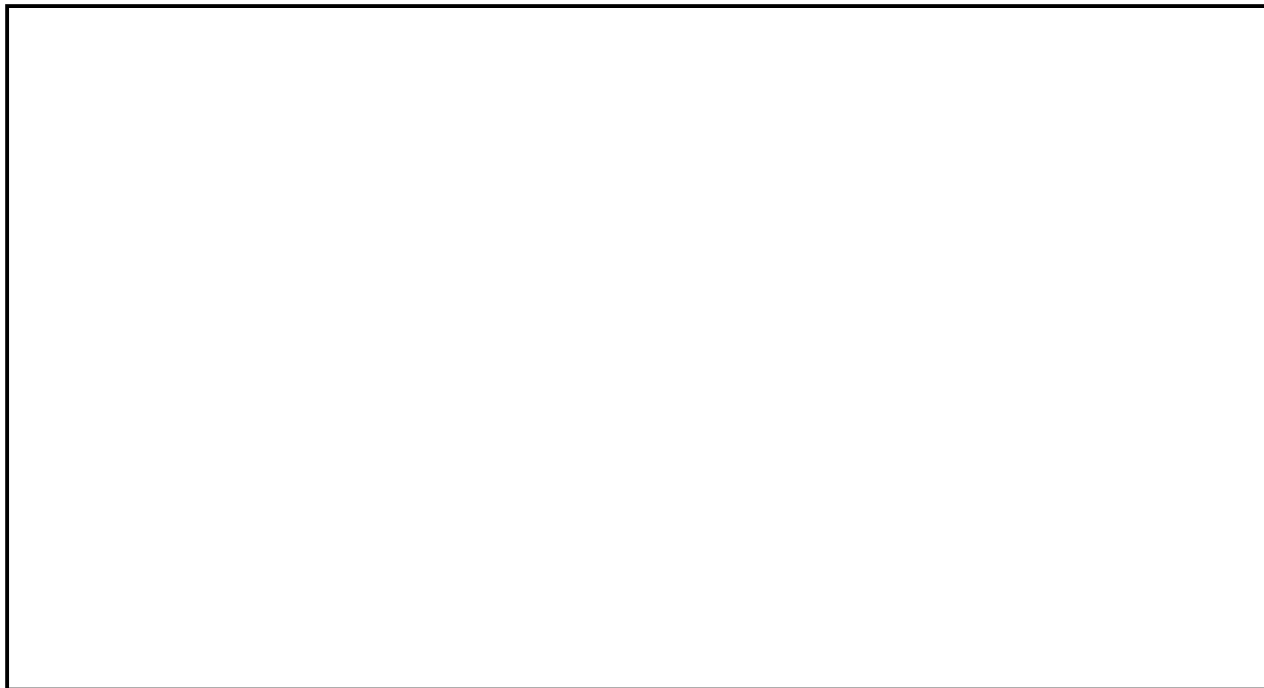
[redacted] However, they advised that they felt this association was professional in nature for the most part and was a natural association due to both Dr. Feynman's and [redacted] being employed at the same time in Los Alamos, New Mexico.

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Dr. Feynman was interviewed by Special Agents of this Bureau on August 2, 1950. He advised that his first meeting

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According to Dr. Feynman, no secret work was being conducted at the Cornell University Laboratory at the time of



On February 24, 1950, and on February 27, 1950, in connection with the investigation of another matter, Dr. Feynman was interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California.



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It is noted that Dr. Feynman was very cooperative during the above interviews and expressed regret that he was unable to furnish more information regarding



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[redacted] described Dr. Feynman as a gentleman of impeccable character and of the highest integrity and reputation. She said she had no reason to question his associates and believed his loyalty was above question. She said he is considered a brilliant physicist among other scientists, and his professional reputation is well established.

[redacted] said that living quarters at Los Alamos consisted of barracks which were divided into small rooms and that quarters were assigned by the authorities. She said the individual occupants had no choice of location. She said she did not know whether Dr. Feynman [redacted]

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as they were in related work, but she knew of no close personal association. She said that they may have had social relationship, but she possessed no information in this regard. She said that she has no specific recollection of having ever

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seen Dr. Feynman [redacted]
concluded by stating that Dr. Feynman [redacted] were of
different personalities and that Dr. Feynman is an extrovert
[redacted]

[redacted]
University of Rochester, Rochester, New York, was contacted
during the current inquiries. [redacted] stated that although
he had known Dr. Feynman [redacted] he had hardly any contact
with him [redacted] when they were both employed at Los Alamos,
New Mexico. According to [redacted] the division in which they
worked at Los Alamos was divided into several groups headed by
one individual who would be in charge and an assistant.
According to the best of his recollection, Dr. Feynman was
employed in one of the groups [redacted]

[redacted] However, as a result of the organization of
the division, the divisional heads, together with the group
leaders and their assistants formed what he termed a social
hierarchy at Los Alamos. As a result of this for an approximate
two-year period (1943 to 1945), he believes Dr. Feynman had
periodic business connections [redacted] He was unable
to state how often these business contacts occurred and said
that it would depend largely upon the extent of progress being
made at Los Alamos.

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[] stated that he had periodic business contacts with Dr. Feynman at Los Alamos and has some social contact with him. He said that as a result of these contacts he is of the opinion that Dr. Feynman, at least during the [] at Los Alamos, was entirely detached from any political matters, was not in any way concerned with various forms of government, and that matters of a political nature had absolutely no interest or appeal to him.

[] stated that, based upon his knowledge of Dr. Feynman, he believes him to be a very capable and excellent scientist, and he has no reason whatsoever to doubt Dr. Feynman's character, associates or loyalty to the democratic principles of government. He added that he felt he could recommend Dr. Feynman without any reservation whatsoever except that he did not feel Dr. Feynman could efficiently discharge the duties of a large administrative problem which would necessitate constant contact with other individuals because of his personality. In explaining this [] advised that he feels Dr. Feynman, although an excellent scientist, would not be capable of performing detailed administrative duties. He said, however, that this opinion of his should not in any way be considered a reflection upon Dr. Feynman's loyalty, character or associates.

[] Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, advised during the current inquiries that he has known Dr. Feynman []

[] advised that Dr. Feynman is completely unpredictable and is a person whom he would consider to be a "screwball," explaining that Dr. Feynman is so unpredictable that "you cannot determine what his reaction would be in any particular set of circumstances." [] said Dr. Feynman was known at Los Alamos as a reactionary because he was so conservative in his ideas and did not go along with the ideas of many of the people of the same profession who were much less conservative in their thinking. [] said he considers Dr. Feynman to be a person of good character and as one who is loyal to the United States.

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[redacted] said Dr. Feynman's associates at Los Alamos were other theoretical physicists among whom was [redacted]

[redacted] He said that both he and Dr. Feynman knew [redacted]

[redacted] their contact being purely professional. He stated that Dr. Feynman is not the type to be influenced by people [redacted] as he makes up his own mind concerning every problem and is inclined to make a decision in spite of the fact that this decision would not be popular with the group which he was in contact with at the time. [redacted]

[redacted] stated that Dr. Feynman was also a professional contact of Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer [redacted]

[redacted] concluded that he would recommend Dr. Feynman for any position for which he was qualified based upon his contacts with him since 1936.

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Concerning Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, it is noted that he was from 1943 to 1945 director of the laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico, which perfected the atomic bomb. Dr. Oppenheimer is the director of the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey, at the present time and was deprived of clearance by the Atomic Energy Commission in 1954.

[redacted]

Dr. Feynman. She stated she did not wish to furnish a signed statement [redacted]

Dr. Feynman's, but she did say she is willing to testify before a hearing board to the facts furnished by her.

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The "Current Biography, 1955," published by the H. W. Wilson Company, New York City, contained a biography of Richard Phillips Feynman reflecting that in January, 1954, he participated in a conference at the University of Rochester in New York where many of the nation's distinguished physicists (such as Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, Dr. Hans A. Bethe and Dr. Edward Teller) were also in attendance.

The "Daily People's World" (DPW), in its issue of April 11, 1955, on page 8, reflects an article entitled "Scientist Tells of 'Iron Curtain' by U. S." This article, datelined Pasadena, April 10, 1955, states in part that "Revelation that the United States Government has again enforced an 'Iron Curtain' to prevent American scientists from communicating with their Soviet colleagues was made this week end by Professor Richard P. Feynman of the California Institute of Technology. Professor Feynman, who recently won the \$15,000 Albert Einstein Award for studies on the quantum theory revealed U. S. Government officials had overruled his acceptance of an invitation from the Academy of Sciences in the Soviet Union to attend a series of Moscow seminars that began March 31 and ended Saturday...Professor Feynman said he felt such international meetings of scientists were helpful to world progress and stability and that he would have liked to cross wits and exchange information with the Russian scientists..."

The "Daily People's World," now known as the "People's World," became a weekly newspaper in February, 1957, and is a west coast communist newspaper.

The "Los Angeles Mirror - News," a Los Angeles, California, daily newspaper, in its issue of April 7, 1955, contained an article entitled "Caltech Man Snubs Russia." This article states that Richard R. Feynman, a physicist at California Institute of Technology, had said that he turned

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down an invitation to a Moscow scientific conference on the advice of the Atomic Energy Commission. Dr. Feynman said, according to this article, that he was invited to the conference some time ago and accepted the Soviet invitation when told there was no classified material on the agenda. This article further states that Dr. Feynman stated he thought he had better get a clearance from the Atomic Energy Commission, and that he was told there were several reasons why it might be unwise for him to go, primarily that it would be an unwarranted risk. Dr. Feynman reportedly further stated that "I won't say whether the AEC decision was proper; I'd made up my mind to abide with it whether I thought it was right or wrong."

The "Hollywood Citizen News," a Hollywood, California, newspaper, in its issue of April 7, 1955, contained an article entitled "U. S. Nixes Russ Trip by LA A-Expert." This article deals with Dr. Feynman's refusal to visit Russia for the scientific meeting on the advice of the United States Government. According to this article, Dr. Feynman reportedly stated that the Atomic Energy Commission did not say he could not go to Moscow, but the letter he got from Major General Kenneth D. Nichols, head of the Atomic Energy Commission, had strongly implied that the "Government would not like it."

The "Los Angeles Times," a Los Angeles, California, daily newspaper, and the "Los Angeles Examiner," also a Los Angeles daily newspaper, in their April 8, 1955, editions, had articles concerning Dr. Feynman's invitation to attend the Moscow Scientific Conference. The "Los Angeles Times" article reflects that Dr. Feynman reportedly stated, "There are several reasons why it may have been unwise for me to go, even though theoretical discussions might have been valuable on both sides." The "Los Angeles Examiner" article states that Dr. Feynman said, "The Atomic Energy Commission advised me not to go on the grounds it would be an unwarranted risk."

An article appearing in the "Los Angeles Times" of April 29, 1954, reflects that Professor Richard P. Feynman was elected to the National Academy of Sciences, one of the most select science groups in the world. This article states

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in part, "Feynman, age 35, a month ago won the \$15,000 Albert Einstein Award and gold medal for outstanding contributions to knowledge. During World War II, Dr. Feynman was a group leader at the Los Alamos Laboratory where he helped build the A-Bomb."

The "Los Angeles Times" in its issue of June 30, 1956, reflects an article entitled "Science, Religion Conflict Traced, Physicist Thinks Most of Professors Do Not Believe in Their Fathers' God." This article states in part that Dr. Richard P. Feynman had stated that more than half the scientists today disbelieve in "their fathers' God" in his estimation. Dr. Feynman reportedly went on to say that although he did not have any statistics to back him up, many scientists do believe in both science and God in a perfectly consistent way, but this consistency, although possible, is not easy to attain.

The files of the "Los Angeles Examiner" contain a news release dated for release Sunday, March 14, 1954, which contained the following pertinent information concerning Dr. Feynman:

This release described Dr. Feynman as a 35-year-old professor of theoretical physics at California Institute of Technology who had been selected winner of the "Albert Einstein Award, consisting of a \$15,000 cash prize and a gold medal. The announcement of this selection, according to this release, was "announced today at Princeton, New Jersey, by Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, Director of the Institute of Advanced Study. The award, reported to be the highest of its kind in the nation, is made every three years for an outstanding contribution to knowledge in mathematical and physical sciences.... Selection of the winner is made by a committee of the Institute for Advanced Study which administers the award..." ✓

The records of the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters on July 24, 1958, revealed that on April 11, 1956, Richard P. Feynman, 844 Alameda Street, Altadena, California, described as a professor, born in New York, changed his party affiliation to one of the major political parties. This registration is currently in effect.

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The records of the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters further reflected that an Affidavit of Registration, Number K4603670, pertaining to Richard P. Feynman, 844 Alameda Street, Pasadena, occupation, professor, born in New York, registered his intention to affiliate with the Independent Progressive Party on September 6, 1952, indicating this as being his first registration in the State of California. This registration was canceled by change of party on April 11, 1956.

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Upon recontact during the current inquiries the above source stated that she had not been personally acquainted with Richard P. Feynman and could furnish no additional information concerning him.

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In 1947, the Federal Bureau of Investigation conducted an investigation concerning Dr. Feynman in connection with his employment as a consultant to the Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, New York.

A Personnel Security Questionnaire submitted by Dr. Feynman in connection with this employment reflected under Membership in Organizations that Dr. Feynman belonged to the Young People's Socialist League "a few months around 1933-34, Far Rockaway, New York."

During the 1947 investigation, all persons interviewed commented favorably concerning Dr. Feynman's character, reputation, associates and loyalty to the United States.

With reference to the Young People's Socialist League, [redacted]

[redacted] Far Rockaway High School, Far Rockaway, New York, advised in 1947 that he recalled a militant, procommunitistic group of students in the high school during the years that Dr. Feynman attended. He said that he did not know the name of this group, nor did he recall Dr. Feynman's having been associated with it. He said the group was made up of about thirty to forty students who were constantly making speeches from a "soap box" outside the school building, and "rabble rousing" in every respect with apparently no definite objective in mind. He said they were constantly distributing circulars of the type printed by the Communist Party and were extremely radical in their attitude. He said that their existence was rather brief inasmuch as the more conservative students took forceful action whenever they attempted to make speeches or engage in "rabble rousing" activities. [redacted] concluded by stating that from his observation of Dr. Feynman while he was a student at the high school, he would say that Dr. Feynman was definitely not the type to be involved in the sort of group described above inasmuch as he was the quiet, retiring type of individual.

[redacted] Far Rockaway Police Department, Far Rockaway, New York, advised in 1947 that [redacted]

[redacted] He said he recalled a group of radical

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students who were at the school during the time [redacted]
[redacted] He said he could not recall Richard P. Feynman, nor did he recall the name of the above group of students. He said that it was a name similar to the "Young People's League" but that he could not state with certainty that this was the name of the group. He recalled on one occasion that this particular group attempted to leave the high school in order to parade in the May Day parade, but that the group had been forcibly restrained by other students. [redacted]
[redacted] He also remembered that they had raised the "red flag" on May Day.

A confidential source of this Bureau* who had furnished reliable information in the past advised during the 1947 investigation of Dr. Feynman that the October, 1937, issue of "Challenge of Youth," a monthly magazine of the Young People's Socialist League contained an article entitled "Twenty-five Years in the History of the Young People's Socialist League," written by Ernest Erber. This article reflected that the organization was founded in 1915 and underwent several changes during the intervening years. The year 1932 seems to have been a turning point in the nature of the organization.

The influx of new members between 1929 and 1932 permitted the Young People's Socialist League to again meet at a national convention in 1932 at Cleveland, Ohio, to rebuild a stable national movement. A new note of militancy was heard on the political questions confronting the league. The 1932 convention rejected the red-baiting, anti-Soviet views of the "Party leadership." It marked the opening of the struggle to transform the Young People's Socialist League and eventually the Socialist Party into a revolutionary organization. The political development of the Young People's Socialist League was accompanied by a growing understanding that it was not enough to write revolutionary programs, but rather the league must learn to function like a revolutionary organization in its daily activities. The membership began to involve itself in the mass struggle of the workers. There was hardly a national strike or unemployment demonstration which did not find members of the Young People's Socialist League in the front ranks. These activities began to teach the league members a revolutionary concept of mass working, particularly the idea of fractions in mass organizations.

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On July 18, 1958, the Attorney General of the United States removed the Independent Socialist League, Socialist Youth League and Workers Party from the list of organizations designated by him pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The records of the Office of Security, Department of State, Washington, D. C., contained a letter directed to the Department of State by Dr. Feynman dated January 14, 1955, in which he stated that on the previous day he had a letter from Mr. Zaroubin, the Soviet ambassador to the United States inviting him to take part in a scientific conference in Moscow.

Dr. Feynman's letter stated that the invitation came as a great surprise, and that although the letter of invitation indicated the conference was purely scientific, Dr. Feynman felt that, because of the present relationship of the United States with Russia, a visit by him to Moscow could have considerable nonscientific repercussions.

Dr. Feynman's letter requested advice from the Department of State as to what action he should take, and it was stated that he wished to cooperate with the Department of State.

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The records of the Office of Security, Department of State, also contained a letter dated March 15, 1955, from [redacted] Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) Affairs, Department of State, which was directed to Dr. Feynman and urged him to decline the invitation on the basis of a strong indication that the Soviet Government was motivated to extend the invitation primarily for propaganda gains in the international political field, and that the USSR was believed to have little intention of establishing more normal scientific relations which would involve greater exchange of mutually beneficial scientific interests.

The files of G-2, Central Records Facility, Fort Holabird, Baltimore, Maryland, reflected that Dr. Feynman was the subject of a national agency check completed on March 3, 1958, and two partial background investigations completed on June 18, 1942, and August 27, 1943, during which no information was developed reflecting adversely upon the character, reputation or loyalty of Dr. Feynman.

Records maintained at the Central Personnel Clearance Index, Personnel Security Standards Branch, Division of Security, Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C., reflected that Dr. Feynman obtained a "Q clearance" from the Atomic Energy Commission on March 4, 1948, through the Brookhaven Area Office at New York City. The records further reflected that this clearance was transferred on April 5, 1949, to the Santa Fe Operations Office, Santa Fe, New Mexico. This "Q clearance" was terminated by the Brookhaven Area Office on June 11, 1949, and by the Santa Fe Office on June 30, 1949. The files of the Washington, D. C., Area Security Operations Office of the Atomic Energy Commission, Germantown, Maryland, contain no additional pertinent information.

Confidential Informants

Confidential sources of this Bureau, who have furnished reliable information in the past, and who are familiar with certain phases of Communist Party activities in the New Mexico, New York City, and Albany, New York, areas, have advised that they could furnish no pertinent information with reference to Dr. Feynman.

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Immediate Relatives

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Dr. Feynman's [redacted] in addition to his mother, previously referred to, [redacted]
[redacted]

Credit and Arrest Checks

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A check of the records of the appropriate credit reporting agencies, as well as the records of the appropriate law enforcement agencies, reflected no pertinent identifiable information with reference to Dr. Feynman, his mother [redacted] except as follows:

The records of the Municipal Court, Los Angeles Judiciary District Traffic Violations Bureau, Los Angeles, California, reflected that Richard P. Feynman, 1201 East California Street, Pasadena, California, (address of California Institute of Technology) was cited on May 22, 1958, for unsafe lane change, and as a result of this, Dr. Feynman paid \$11 on June 13, 1958.

Passport File

The files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, reflected that between 1945 and 1957 Dr. Feynman was issued six passports for official travel in the Pacific Ocean areas and for travel to South America. No unfavorable information was noted in his passport file.

Agency Checks

The files of the following governmental agencies contain either no record or no additional pertinent information with reference to Dr. Feynman:

House Committee on Un-American Activities;
Personnel Division, United States Secret Service; G-2, Department of the Army, the Pentagon, Washington, D. C.; Central Intelligence Agency; Investigations Division, Civil Service Commission; and the central files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Enclosures (2)

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (77-78,660)

DATE: 9/3/58

FROM : *TPB* SAC, BUTTE (77-197+)SUBJECT: RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
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Rerep of SA [] Butte, dated 9/3/58, enclosed.

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[][] When received, this material will be made
available to the Bureau. In the event it contains information of interest
to this inquiry, appropriate interviews will be conducted. []
declined to discuss the content at this time, but she said the effort

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personal observations and evaluations of the information furnished in
personal interviews and by letter to the Bureau.In the interview conducted August 27, 1958, [] said she
was terribly concerned about the fact that FEYNMAN was being considered
for a position of trust with the United States Government. She said it

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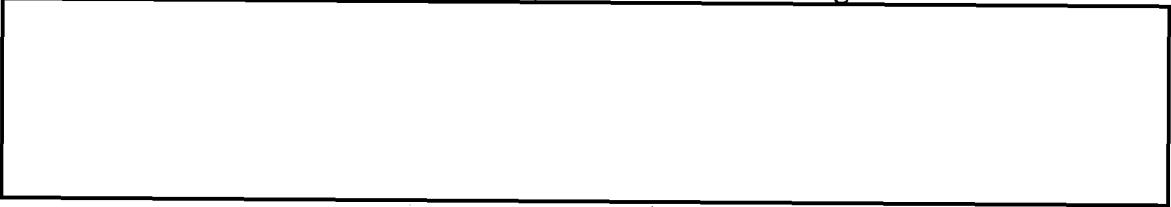
him as being morally and spiritually unfit to hold a position of trust with

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this Government. She will not permit the following comment to be



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TITLE OF CASE RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN		[REDACTED]	b7C Typed By: slm
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

Synopsis:

[REDACTED] indicated to her that FEYNMAN is either a Communist or Pro-Communist. In support of this contention she remarked he had evidenced such by the following: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

OPPENHEIMER who had been designated a security risk; invitations to visit Russia in 1953 and 1955; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] could not state that FEYNMAN's association with these individuals led beyond the professional level. [REDACTED]

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DETAILS:

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

September 3, 1958

[redacted]
[redacted] advised as follows:
[redacted]

[redacted] had led her to believe that FEYNMAN is either a Communist or Pro-Communist. In support of belief she furnished the following comments:

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6. The fact that he was invited by the Russian Government to visit Russia in 1953 and 1956 in the furtherance of scientific pursuits.

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newspaper.

Interview with [redacted] File # BT 77-1974
on 8/27/58 at [redacted] Dictated 8/27/58
by Special Agent [redacted] :slm b7C
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[REDACTED]

In comment about the above persons who were referred to as Communists or possible Communists, [REDACTED] said she was unable to furnish any additional information that would indicate the extent of their association with or activity in the Communist movement. She said her information was strictly hearsay.

In comment about FEYNMAN's professional associates in the United States who might be interested in Communism or members of the Communist Party, [REDACTED] said that she could name but two persons who might qualify for that distinction. She identified them as follows:

1. J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER, who after long and involved hearings before accredited Government investigative or hearing boards, was adjudged a security risk.

[REDACTED] said that it was her considered opinion that OPPENHEIMER had been given an adequate and fair hearing and was in her opinion a Communist or fellow-traveler. She based her personal opinion on a study of the testimony appearing in the public press. In addition she pointed out that FEYNMAN had always been a dedicated admirer of OPPENHEIMER and believed that he was being persecuted for no valid reason. [REDACTED]

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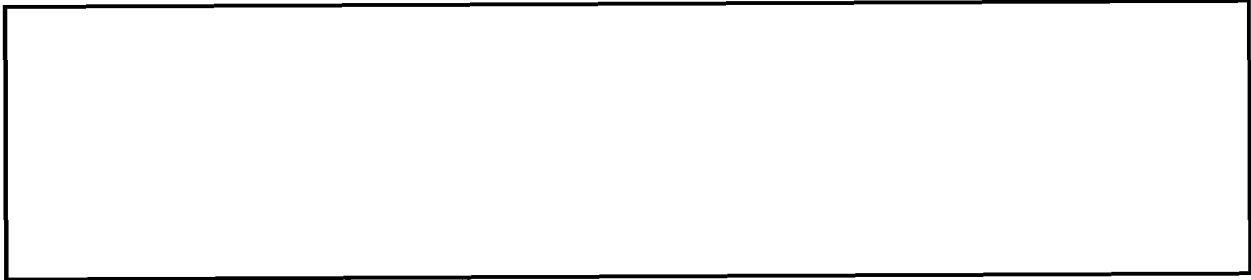
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[REDACTED]

2. LINUS PAULING, head of the Chemistry Department, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California, who was believed by [REDACTED] to be the subject of extensive investigation by Federal investigative agencies. She said it was her understanding from reading reports of congressional hearings and press reports that PAULING's loyalty was under question. She added that FEYNMAN and PAULING were good friends and professional associates at the Pasadena institution.

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[redacted] said that she had furnished information identical to the above to the FBI by letter and did not desire to execute it in the form of a signed statement. She said, however, she would be perfectly willing to testify to the information furnished before any hearing board.

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Date: 8/29/58

Transmit the following in AIRTEL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (77-78,660)

FROM: SAC, BUTTE (77-1974)

RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
SPI

Information is not available to this office reflecting that previous inquiry in captioned matter has been conducted by the New York Office, but it is presumed that investigation has been conducted in New York City.

New York City check indices for information concerning any CP affiliation by [redacted] and determine degree of association between FEYNMAN [redacted] Handle immediately.

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TRANSMIT VIA AIR MAIL

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Special Agent in Charge

August 22, 1958

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SAC, BUTTE (77-1974)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (77-78660)

RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
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Rerep of SA [redacted] dated July 30, 1958.

Enclosed is a Photostat of a 7 page letter dated August 8, 1958, together with its 15 page attachment from [redacted]

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You are instructed to carefully review this letter and its attachment and then reinterview [redacted] for more specific information with reference to her statements and allegations in the letter and attachment. For example, in paragraph 4, page 1, of the letter, she states she believes Feynman is either a communist or procommunist. Obtain her specific reasons for this statement. Did he ever mention that he was a member of the Communist Party? Did he subscribe to and/or read communist literature, including the "Daily Worker"? In the last paragraph, line 5, page 2, of the letter, she says certain physicists were communist or were supposed to be communists. Who were these individuals? What does she know of their activities? How close was Dr. Feynman associated with them? [redacted]

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Obtain the specific details.

The above are a few instances where specific information should be obtained and are not necessarily all inclusive.

Handle immediately and surep. The letter and its

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Re: RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN

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August 18, 1958

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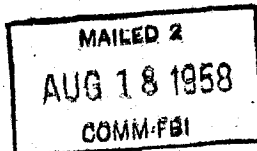
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Dear [Redacted]

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 8, 1958.

Your interest in bringing the information contained in your letter to the attention of this Bureau is appreciated and it will be made a matter of record.

Very truly yours,



John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: [Redacted] Dr. Richard Phillips Feynman, prominent physicist. White House requested investigation of Feynman who is being considered as a member of the President's Science Advisory Committee. Investigation instituted 7/15/58. Feynman is a controversial figure and reportedly has associated with [Redacted] Robert Oppenheimer. [Redacted]

[Redacted] investigation completed and summary in dictation. LETTER RECEIVED AT BUREAU 8/14/58 INDICATES ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION NECESSARY [Redacted] interviewed during investigation and furnished much unfavorable information concerning Feynman. Her letter of 8/8/58 is a voluminous detailed account and opinions of Feynman. [Redacted]

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		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

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Synopsis:

advised he has no personal knowledge that FEYNMAN is Communist. Stated that FEYNMAN'S name appeared in newspapers in connection with a Senate Committee investigating Communism and, therefore, he was reputed to be Communist. stated that he has never been associated with FEYNMAN in any manner.

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Reference: Bureau Airtel to Newark, dated 8/6/58.

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DETAILS:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] New Jersey, advised on August 8, 1958, that he possessed no personal knowledge that FEYNMAN is a Communist. [REDACTED] said that he recalled reading in a newspaper that FEYNMAN either had appeared before a Senate Committee investigating Communism or that FEYNMAN'S name had been mentioned in connection with this investigation. [REDACTED] said that for this reason FEYNMAN was reputed to be a Communist.

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[REDACTED] went on to say that he was not acquainted with FEYNMAN and has never been associated with him in any manner inasmuch as FEYNMAN was in the field of Physics and he, [REDACTED]

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		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

Synopsis:

Princeton University records reflect FEYNMAN was offered an appointment as an instructor in physics at Princeton for the academic year September, 1942 - June, 1943. FEYNMAN resigned this appointment on September, 1942, to accept a position as assistant professor at the University of Wisconsin. New Jersey State Selective Service files destroyed. Information from FEYNMAN's Selective Service registration card and classification charts set forth.

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REFERENCES: Two Bureau airtels to Newark dated 8/5/58.
Newark airtel to Bureau dated 8/7/58.
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DETAILS:

Employment

Princeton University
Princeton, New Jersey

[redacted] advised on August 6, 1958, her records reflect FEYNMAN received an appointment as an instructor in the Physics Department at Princeton University for the academic year September, 1942, through June, 1943. She stated that FEYNMAN did not accept this position and resigned during September, 1942, indicating he was going to accept an appointment as an Assistant Professor at the University of Wisconsin.

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[redacted] advised on August 6, 1958, her records reflect FEYNMAN entered the Graduate School during September, 1939, and was granted his Ph. D. degree from the Physics Department on June 14, 1942. She stated FEYNMAN received a B.S. degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1939 and was a part-time research assistant in the Physics Department at Princeton University during the academic year 1939 - 1940.

Miscellaneous

[redacted] New Jersey State Selective Service Headquarters, Armory Building, Trenton, New Jersey, advised on August 6, 1958, that the State Selective Service files have been destroyed. He stated that his files do contain the Selective Service registration cards and the classification charts. He stated that FEYNMAN's Selective Service registration card reflects FEYNMAN registered with Local Board #1, Princeton, New Jersey, October 16, 1940, and was assigned order number 2522. The registration card listed his date of birth as May 11, 1918, at New York City, and his address as 174 Graduate College, Princeton, New Jersey. His father was listed as MELVILLE ARTHUR FEYNMAN, 1502 Mott Avenue, Far Rockaway, New York.

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[redacted] stated that FEYNMAN's classification charts reflect he was given the following classifications:

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1-A, 2-A, 2-B, 2-B(F), 4-A and 4-F.

He stated the classification charts did not indicate the dates for these classifications but did reflect that FEYNMAN was given a physical examination on June 20, 1946, and that the Local Board took classification action on July 22, 1946. [] stated this Board action on July 22, 1946, he presumed, was the action which gave FEYNMAN a 4-F classification.

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The charts did not indicate the reason for the 4-F classification.

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Synopsis:

Former associate of applicant at Los Alamos, New Mexico, advised applicant would have had access to highly classified material which was located in locked safe. This associate advised he would highly recommend applicant.

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REFERENCE: Washington Field radiogram to Director and Albuquerque dated 8/5/58.

DETAILS:

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AT LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO:

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On August 7, 1958 [redacted] Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, advised he has known the applicant for approximately the [redacted] and that he worked in the [redacted] with applicant at Los Alamos [redacted]

[redacted] stated that in his opinion the applicant was one of the smartest young scientists in the United States, and he was a person who had as much to do with the development of the Atomic bomb as anybody in the United States.

b7C He stated that during the time the applicant was at Los Alamos, he was a group leader and as such would have had access to any of the material concerning the Atomic bomb that he wished.

[redacted] advised that he had heard a story concerning the applicant but could not remember who told it to him or any of the individuals who witnessed the incident. This story was that the applicant opened the master safe at Los Alamos before a group of fellow employees to prove his point that the Atomic bomb information should be placed in a more secure place.

[redacted] then stated that he would highly recommend the applicant for a position of trust based on his character, loyalty, associates and reputation.

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Reporting Office MILWAUKEE	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 8/11/58	Investigative Period 8/11/58
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		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

Synopsis:

RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN not connected with University of Wisconsin at Madison, Wis. as student or faculty member in the past.

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REFERENCE: Newark air-tel to Milwaukee, August 7, 1958.

DETAILS: At Madison, Wisconsin

Registrar's Office, University of Wisconsin, advised that the records of this office do not reflect that RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN ever attended the University of Wisconsin at any time in the past.

University of Wisconsin, advised that RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN has never been connected with the University of Wisconsin staff.

Physics Department, University of Wisconsin, advised that RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN has never been connected with this department at any time in the past.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM: SAC, WFO (77-63389)

RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN

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On 8-7-58, [redacted]

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Dr.

ROBERT OPPENHEIMER at the Manhattan Project in Los Alamos for

[redacted] During the above period she was acquainted with appointee on both a professional and social basis as he was a scientist on the Project. She had had little contact with appointee subsequent to the above period [redacted]

[redacted] described appointee as a gentleman of impeccable character and of the highest integrity and reputation. She stated she had no reason to question his associates and believed his loyalty is above question. She advised that appointee is considered a brilliant physicist among other scientists and his professional reputation is well established.

[redacted] stated that living quarters at Los Alamos consisted of barracks type buildings which were divided into small rooms and quarters were assigned by the authorities and the individual had no choice of location. She advised she did not know whether appointee [redacted] were quarters in the same vicinity, but if they were such was through no choice of either.

[redacted] stated that appointee [redacted] undoubtedly had a professional association inasmuch as they were in related work but she knew of no close personal association. She stated they may have had a social relationship, but she possessed no information concerning such. She advised that at this time she has no specific recollection of having ever seen the appointee [redacted] together socially. *ch*

[redacted] stated the appointee [redacted] were of opposite personalities. The appointee is an extrovert [redacted] is an introvert and she doubted they would have been drawn to each other because of such differences. RUC.

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February 2, 1986

RICHARD P. FEYNMAN

Captioned individual, also known as Richard Phillips Feynman, who you advised was born May 11, 1918, in New York, New York, was the subject of applicant investigations by the FBI in 1947 and 1958. Attached are a summary memorandum and two enclosures which contain the results of those investigations.

The files of the FBI Identification Division and NCIC were checked with negative results, based on the information furnished in connection with this name check request.

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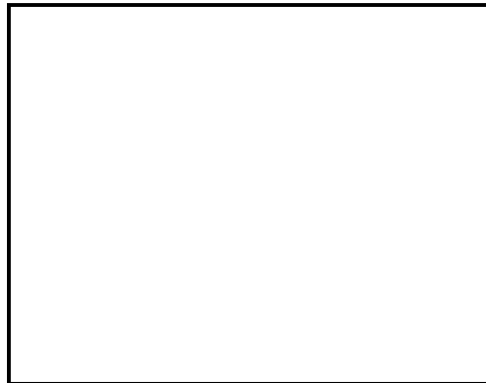
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Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Watson:

Mrs. Mildred Stegall has requested a name check on Mr. Louis Auchincloss and 45 other individuals. The central files of the FBI reveal no pertinent derogatory information concerning the following:

Louis Auchincloss
Russell Baker
Irving Berlin
Hoagy Carmichael



Igor Stravinsky
Y. A. Tittle



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The files of the Identification Division of the FBI were also checked and no arrest data was located concerning these individuals.

1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent direct) - Enclosures (13)

1 - Mr. Gale - Enclosures (13)

1 - Mr. Rosen - Enclosures (13)

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Honorable Marvin Watson

Attached are separate memoranda on the following
individuals:

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Walt Disney
Richard P. Feynman

[Redacted]

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Sincerely yours,

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RICHARD P. FEYNMAN

①
Dr. Richard Phillips Feynman was the subject of an FBI investigation conducted in 1958, the results of which were furnished to the White House by a letter to Honorable Sherman Adams dated September 5, 1958. A copy of the report furnished at that time is attached. The enclosures referred to on pages 25 and 26 of that report are not being furnished in the absence of a specific request due to the repetitious nature of the material. No additional pertinent information is contained in FBI files.

(Summary dated 9-5-58) (77-78660)

The fingerprint files of the Identification Division of the FBI contain no arrest data identifiable with captioned individual based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

Enclosure

RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN - SUMMARY
BORN MAY 11, 1918, NEW YORK, N.Y.

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 Birthdate & Place May 11, 1918, Los Angeles, CA
 Address 2111 of

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RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
Born: May 18, 1918
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There is enclosed a copy of a summary memorandum dated September 5, 1958, concerning the captioned individual.

There is also enclosed a copy of a communication dated August 8, 1958, addressed to this agency by

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This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI, and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency. This is in answer to your request for a check of FBI files.

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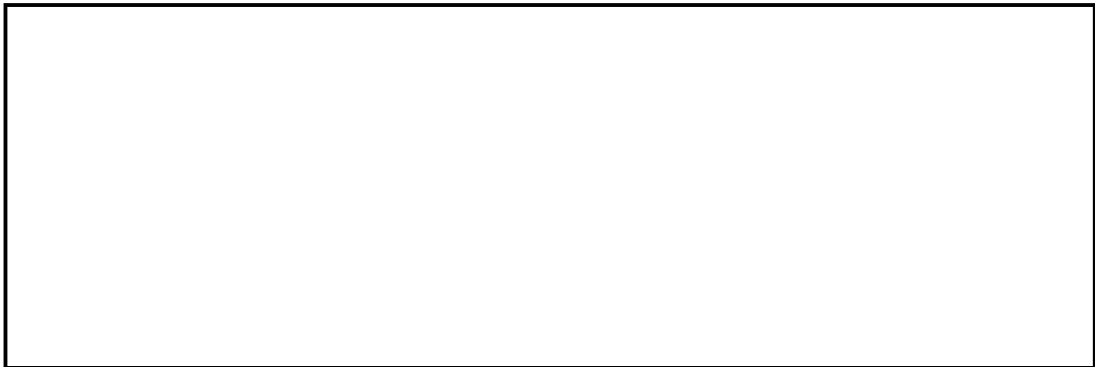
September 22, 1958

Director, FBI

DR. RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
SPECIAL INQUIRY

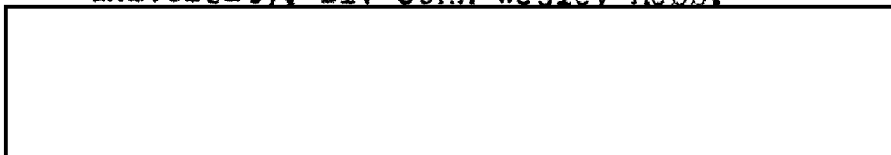
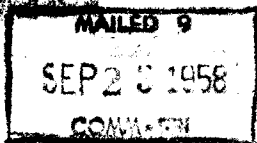
Reference is made to my memorandum dated September 5, 1958, which enclosed a summary memorandum pertaining to captioned individual.

[redacted] has now been recontacted at which time she furnished representatives of this Bureau the following material:



4. Photostat of review of Dr. Feynman's lecture "The Relation of Science and Religion," which appeared in the "Los Angeles Times," on June 30, 1956.
5. Clippings from the University of Southern California newspaper concerning a lecture given at the university by Dr. Feynman and reflecting his being challenged by the head of the Department of Religion at the university, Dr. John Wesley Robb.

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One Photostat each of the above-listed items is enclosed for your information. The above material is also being furnished to the Honorable Sherman Adams.

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This concludes the investigation of Dr. Feynman.

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September 22, 1958

BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable Sherman Adams
The Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Mr. Adams:

Reference is made to my letter dated September 5, 1958, which enclosed a summary memorandum pertaining to Dr. Richard Phillips Feynman.

[redacted] has now been recontacted at which time she furnished representatives of this Bureau the following material:

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This concludes the investigation of Dr. Feynman.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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June 8, 1955

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A news item to this effect was published on page 6 of "The Washington Post and Times Herald," Washington, D. C., on April 8, 1955. Captioned "Physicists Shun Soviet Science Meet," the item stated that the physicists, Dyson and Feynman, "were advised by Government officials to turn down invitations to a Moscow scientific conference which concludes today." The item was attributed to the Associated Press and dated April 7, 1955, at New York. Dyson is reported to have said he could see how participation in the conference by Western scientists might have been used by the Russians for propaganda purposes.

You will note that the person referred to in the news item is undoubtedly the Professor Feynman mentioned in your request. His full name is Dr. Richard Phillips Feynman.

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Reference is made to El Paso letter to the Director dated January 5, 1946 in the captioned matter setting forth information to the effect that RICHARD FEYNMAN, a scientist assigned to the Los Alamos installation, had given his destination as the Physics Department, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. It was requested that a discreet investigation be conducted to determine whether FEYNMAN had arrived at Cornell University, the nature of his work there, and whether he might be in contact with Communist or suspected Soviet Agents. (76)

[redacted] at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., and a reliable contact of the Albany Field Division, advised that RICHARD FEYNMAN had arrived at Cornell University on approximately November 1, 1945 at which time he had assumed his present position as Assistant Professor of Physics at Cornell. [redacted] made available the personnel file of FEYNMAN from which the following background data was obtained:

RICHARD FEYNMAN was born May 11, 1918 at New York City, son of MELVILLE A. FEYNMAN, 1503 Mott Avenue, Far Rockaway, N. Y. He received a BS degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1939 and received his Doctorate in Physics at Princeton University in 1942. He was employed during the summer of 1941 by the U. S. Army at Frankfort Arsenal and did atomic bomb research work at Princeton University from December 1941 to March 1942. From April 1942 to October 1945 he was employed on the Manhattan Project at Los Alamos.

[redacted] stated that FEYNMAN had been appointed to his position as Assistant Professor of Physics at Cornell on July 1, 1944. However, he was immediately given a leave of absence to continue his work at Los Alamos and did not arrive at Cornell until November 1, 1945. [redacted] stated that FEYNMAN was appointed

[redacted] stated that at Cornell FEYNMAN would be doing basic research work in atomic and nuclear research. [redacted] also pointed out that during the Christmas

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holidays in 1945 FEYNMAN had gone to Princeton University, Princeton, N. J. where he completed a paper on nuclear research [redacted]
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[redacted] stated that FEYNMAN's social contacts at Ithaca, N. Y. were limited almost exclusively to the members of the Physics Department and their families. He advised that on one occasion in December 1945 FEYNMAN had spoken before a Cornell faculty club composed of approximately fifty members of Cornell University faculty, at which time he had discussed the atomic bomb and its implications and had also expressed himself as being in favor of legislation outlawing the atomic bomb as an implement of war and favoring international control of atomic energy. [redacted] pointed out that in this regard FEYNMAN's position was the same as that taken by all physicists. [redacted] stated that he had no reason to suspect or doubt the loyalty or patriotism of FEYNMAN and stated that he knew that FEYNMAN had not associated himself in any way with any radical groups of individuals around Cornell. b7C b7D

[redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau and who closely follows the activities of radical and suspected Communist groups at Cornell University including A.Y.D. and such groups, stated that he is certain that FEYNMAN has no connections of any sort with any of these groups.

The files of the Albany Field Division contain no information indicating that there are any Communist or suspected Soviet agents at Ithaca, N. Y. with whom FEYNMAN might be in contact. The indices of the Albany Field Division likewise contain no information concerning FEYNMAN.

[redacted]
[redacted] will not be interviewed unless contrary instructions are received from the Bureau.

No further investigation is being conducted concerning Professor FEYNMAN.

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SAC, Albany

March 13, 1946

John Edgar Hoover, Director - Federal Bureau of Investigation

RICHARD FEYNMAN
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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Reference is made to the letter from El Paso to the Bureau dated February 15, 1946, entitled "Cinrad," a copy of which was designated for your office and with which was forwarded a photographic copy of the reports and personal data from the files on Richard Feynman at the Los Alamos DEM Project, Los Alamos, New Mexico.

It is noted that Feynman's forwarding address was Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

Investigation concerning Feynman, except where absolutely pertinent to attempts on the part of the Soviet representatives in the United States to obtain information regarding the atomic bomb, should be reported only in his main investigative file. Data developed pertinent to the Cinrad investigation should, of course, be reported not only in the Feynman file but also in the Cinrad case.

On any of the key scientists at the Los Alamos Project, of whom Richard Feynman was one, a careful review should be made of the material obtained from Los Alamos. All suspicious contacts should be carefully identified and checked for their possibility as channels of information from the subject to Soviet representatives.

A highly discreet check should be made of the subject's usual contacts as developed through your investigation for the same purpose.

If a reasonable discreet investigation develops no associates through which information could be furnished to the Soviets, the Bureau should be advised and consideration will be given to a direct approach to the subject for development as an informant.

Copies of reports in this matter should be furnished to San Francisco which is office of origin in the Cinrad case.

This matter should be given immediate, discreet and thorough attention.

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Director, FBI

RICHARD FEYNMAN
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

With reference to the Albany letter dated April 8, 1946, you are advised that Bureau authority is granted to contact Feynman directly for possible development as a confidential informant. This interview should be conducted by experienced Agents and the Bureau advised promptly of Feynman's reaction.

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Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: April 8, 1946

FROM : SAC, Albany

cc: San Francisco
El PasoSUBJECT: RICHARD FEYNMAN
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Reference is made to the Bureau letter to Albany in the captioned matter dated March 13, 1946, in which reference was made to a letter from the El Paso Field Division to the Bureau dated February 15, 1946, entitled "Cinrad", copies of which were received by the Albany Office, requesting that certain investigation be conducted concerning RICHARD FEYNMAN at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

The files of the Albany Field Division reflect that this office received a copy of a letter dated January 11, 1946 from El Paso to the Bureau in the "Cinrad" case, requesting investigation of subject at Cornell University. This investigation was conducted and reported to the Bureau in a confidential letter from the Albany Field Division dated February 5, 1946 in the "Cinrad" case. ~~CONFIDENTIAL RECORD~~

In view of the fact that investigation concerning RICHARD FEYNMAN at Cornell University has been conducted and reported to the Bureau in the "Cinrad" case, the Bureau is requested to advise the Albany Office whether additional investigation concerning FEYNMAN is desired at this time.

In the event no further investigation is desired it is suggested that the Bureau give consideration to authorizing that the subject be contacted directly for possible development as a confidential informant.

It was noted that the above referenced letter from El Paso to the Bureau dated February 15, 1946, entitled "Cinrad", stated that a photographic copy of personnel files and reports concerning FEYNMAN, presumably obtained from the Los Alamos D.S.M. Project, Los Alamos, New Mexico, was being enclosed for the Albany Office. However, no such photographic copy was received by this office, and by letter dated March 1, 1946 El Paso was requested to forward a photographic copy of this data to Albany. To date this data has not been received. The El Paso Field Division is requested to expedite the forwarding of the photographic copy of this material to the Albany Field Division.

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RICHARD FEYNMAN
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Reference is made to the Albany Field Division's letter dated August 2, 1946, requesting authorization to interview subject Feynman. In this connection you are advised that authorization is granted for a discreet contact with the subject.

With reference to the possibility of interviewing [redacted]

[redacted] you are advised authorization is granted to interview [redacted]
[redacted] but it is not desired that [redacted] be contacted at this time.

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Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

cc - San Francisco

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TO : Director, FBI

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DATE: August 2, 1946

FROM : SAC, Albany

SUBJECT: RICHARD FEYNMAN
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Reference is made to Bureau letter to the Albany Field Division dated May 9, 1946 granting authority to [REDACTED]

The Bureau's attention is invited to the personal and confidential letter from the San Francisco Field Division to the Director dated May 14, 1946 in the case entitled "DR. JULIUS ROBERT OPPENHEIMER, was. Internal Security - R" page two, where information is reported indicating a contact by OPPENHEIMER with one "FINEMAN" (phonetic). It is believed that this "FINEMAN" is in fact subject RICHARD FEYNMAN.

As the Bureau file will reflect, DR. OPPENHEIMER was at Ithaca, New York for approximately three weeks in May 1946 delivering a series of lectures on atomic energy at Cornell University. Informants of this office have reported that while at Cornell University OPPENHEIMER was in frequent and close contact with RICHARD FEYNMAN and that FEYNMAN and OPPENHEIMER were believed to be personal friends, resulting from their association while working together on the S.S.N. project at Los Alamos, New Mexico.

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Further discreet inquiry made by this office at Cornell University has substantiated the report that OPPENHEIMER and FEYNMAN are very friendly resulting from their professional association, that they have a great regard for each other's ability, but that their friendly relationship is similar to that existing between OPPENHEIMER and practically all of the scientists who worked with him at Los Alamos.

[REDACTED] Cornell University, and a reliable contact of this office, has stated that he is certain that OPPENHEIMER and FEYNMAN were not acquainted prior to their meeting at Los Alamos.

However, in view of the information in possession of the Bureau regarding DR. OPPENHEIMER, the advisability [REDACTED]

It is believed

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LETTER TO DIRECTOR
Re: RICHARD FEYNMAN
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

August 2, 1946

It is desired to point out that similar contacts might also be made with other physicists at Cornell University who were employed on the DSM project at Los Alamos, particularly [REDACTED] b7C
Unless the Bureau is in possession of information concerning [REDACTED] not available to this office, it is recommended that consideration be given to authorize discreet contact, routine in nature, with these men.

With respect to subject FEYNMAN, the Bureau is requested to advise whether a contact should be made with him in view of the information concerning his relationship with OPPENHEIMER received subsequent to referenced Bureau letter. It is the recommendation of this office that a discreet contact, routine in nature, be made with FEYNMAN, but such a contact will not be made in the absence of Bureau authority.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: September 5, 1946

FROM : SAC, EL PASO

SUBJECT: RICHARD FEYNMAN
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Reference is made to the letter dated April 8, 1946, from the Albany Office in captioned matter, advising that a photographic copy of the personnel file of subject had not been received by that office.

Accordingly, additional photographs have been obtained, one of which is being furnished the Albany Office with a copy of instant letter, and the other is being forwarded directly to the Bureau with this letter for your information.

Inasmuch as there is no further investigation in instant case in this Field Division, this case is being Referred Upon Completion.

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February 20, 1950

Director, FBI

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Richard Phillips Feynman was one of the leaders of the Theoretical Physics Division of the Los Alamos Laboratory during the time that [REDACTED] there. It is indicated that Feynman is presently teaching physics at Cornell University. It is noted that your office is aware of the information regarding Feynman's background and activities. In view of his past association with the subject, it is requested that Feynman be interviewed immediately by two experienced Agents and that any information in his possession regarding [REDACTED] background and activities, and especially information regarding his contacts in the United States, be ascertained.

The results of your interview should be submitted **AMSD** to the Bureau and the New York Office.

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PURPOSE

To obtain authorization for an interview of Richard Phillips

① Feynman.

DETAILS

Richard Phillips Feynman, who is presently a professor at Cornell University, was one of the leaders of the Theoretical Physics Division, Los Alamos Laboratory, during the time that [redacted] there. A summary memorandum concerning Feynman is attached. Feynman, it will be noted, has previously been interviewed by the Bureau regarding J. Robert Oppenheimer, and it will also be noted that there is no information indicating Feynman has had any association with the Communist Party.

RECOMMENDATION

There is attached for your approval a letter to the Albany Field Office requesting that Feynman be immediately interviewed for information in his possession regarding [redacted]. It is believed that this interview is desirable inasmuch as Feynman may possibly be in a position to furnish leads regarding [redacted] previous contacts and activities.

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Birth Certificate No. 24300 on file in the New York City Department of Health reflects that ^{Richard} Feynman was born May 11, 1918 in New York City. His father, Melville Feynman, was born in Russia and his mother, Lucille, nee Phillips, was born in the United States.

On a Personnel Security Questionnaire executed by Feynman in connection with the Atomic Energy Program, he stated that he attended Far Rockaway High School, Far Rockaway, New York, from 1931 to 1935 and that around 1933 or 1934 he was for a few months a member of the Young Peoples Socialist League in Far Rockaway. High school records reflect that Feynman had a very high scholastic record and he was rated by his teachers as exceptional in every way. He was Vice President and President of the Mathematics Club, Vice President and President of the Physics Club, President of the Chemistry Club, a member of the German Club and a member of the Arista Honorary Society. He is described as being shy and retiring at that time.

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Far Rockaway High School, recalled Feynman and the Young Peoples Socialist League, although [redacted] did not associate Feynman with this organization, which he described as a group of 30 or 40 students who were constantly making speeches from a soapbox outside the building and rabble-rousing in every respect, with no particular objective in mind. He said they constantly distributed circulars of the type printed by the Communist Party and were extremely radical in their attitude. [redacted] Far

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Rockaway Police Department [redacted] could not recall Feynman, but stated that a group which may have been called the Young Peoples Socialist League, attempted to leave school in order to participate in the May Day Parade, but were forcibly restrained by other students.
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From 1935 to 1939 Feynman attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Cambridge, Massachusetts and received an S. B. degree in physics in 1939. During this period he lived at the Phi Beta Delta Fraternity, now known as the Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity. He was treasurer of this fraternity. During this period his father was a salesman. (116-26773-7)

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In his Personnel Security Questionnaire Feynman stated that in 1937 he was employed as a hotel clerk at the Arnold Hotel in Far Rockaway. (116-26773-6)

Feynman also stated in his Personnel Security Questionnaire that in 1938 he was employed as a chemist by the Metoplast Corporation, Fifth Avenue, New York. (116-26773-1)

Personnel records of the Metoplast Corporation, 205 West 19th Street, New York City, for the year 1938 have been destroyed. However, this concern formerly had offices on Fifth Avenue, New York. (116-26773-6)

In the summer of 1939 he worked with [redacted] at MIT on special research concerned with surface tension and friction. (100-364431-4)

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In his Personnel Security Questionnaire Feynman stated that he attended Princeton University from 1939 to 1942 and that he received a Ph.D. degree. (116-26773-1)

During the academic years 1939 and 1940 Feynman was a part-time research assistant in physics. He is said to be considered by the faculty of the Princeton Graduate School as a genius in his field. (116-26773-4)

From September, 1942 until June, 1943 Feynman was employed as an Assistant Instructor of Physics at Princeton. (116-26773-4)

In September, 1943 he resigned at Princeton to accept a position as Assistant Professor at the University of Wisconsin. (116-26773-4)

On his Personnel Security Questionnaire, Feynman stated that in 1944 he was employed as a physicist at the Frankfort Arsenal in Philadelphia. (116-26773-1) Records at this arsenal, however, reflect that he was employed as a junior physicist from June 18, to September 22, 1944. During this time he resided at 2220 Bridge Street, Philadelphia. (116-26773-3)

On his Personnel Security Questionnaire Feynman stated that from April, 1944 until October, 1945 he was employed as a physicist by the University of California at Santa Fe, New Mexico. (116-26773-1)

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Records of the University of California at Los Alamos, New Mexico, however, reflect that Feynman was employed from April 1, 1943 to October 27, 1945. (116-26773-10)

On July 1, 1944 he was appointed Assistant Professor of Physics at Cornell University. He was immediately given a leave of absence to continue his work at Los Alamos. He was appointed to Cornell University on the

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[redacted] At Cornell Feynman was to do basic research work on atomic and nuclear research. (100-344431-1)

A front page story appeared in the August 25, 1945 issue of the Albuquerque, New Mexico Journal based on a letter written by Feynman to his parents. The article was headlined, "Green Carpet of Glass Mile Across Left in New Mexico Sand by First Big Atom Bomb Test, Says Witness." The story was an Associated Press dispatch, datelined at New York City August 24, 1945. It stated that one of the results of the test explosion was to cover an area about one mile in diameter, with a green glass-like glaze formed by sand melting on the surface. This information was obtained from a letter written by Feynman to his parents from Oak Ridge, Tennessee when he was there on a business trip, probably August 7 or 8, 1945.

At this time an official press release had been made but Feynman was not familiar with all the details of the release. His parents requested permission to show the letter to friends and Feynman granted this permission, unaware that the letter exceeded the official release and not suspecting that the letter would be made available to the press. Feynman was interviewed by the Security Office of the Atomic Energy Commission at Los Alamos and he stated that he felt badly about the whole matter, that he did not know it exceeded the official release and that he did not intend the letter for publication. He stated that the only redeeming feature concerning the incident was that he had erred by a factor of four and that no accurate information could be obtained from the story. (116-26773-10, pages 2 and 3)

On November 1, 1945 Feynman began working as an Assistant Professor of Physics at Cornell. (100-344431-1)

His references, [redacted]

[redacted] Cornell University, described Feynman as a very brilliant physicist and one of the most promising young scientists in the country today. They stated that he was politically liberal but that he was loyal to this government and trustworthy. Feynman's personnel file at Cornell reflects that he is a member of the Association of Cornell Scientists and the Association for the Advancement of Science. (116-26773-8)

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During the Christmas holiday of 1945 Feynman went to Princeton University and completed a paper on nuclear research [redacted]

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Feynman's father died some time in 1946.

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On May 9, 1946 the Albany Field Division was authorized to contact Feynman with a view toward developing him as a confidential informant.

(100-344431-4)

During the last three weeks of May, 1946 J. Robert Oppenheimer gave a series of lectures at Cornell. During this time Feynman was very friendly with Oppenheimer. However, there is no indication that Feynman and Oppenheimer were acquainted prior to working together at Los Alamos.

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On May 29, 1946 a letter was received from the New York Field Division advising that confidential information received from the Manhattan Engineering District indicated that a very secret project was about to be initiated over which the MED would have partial jurisdiction. Representatives of colleges and universities in the Northeastern part of the United States formed the Initiatory University Group, which was to be later known as the Northeastern Regional Laboratories. The project concerned research work on atomic and nuclear fission for civilian purposes. R. P. Feynman of Cornell was a member of this group. (4) (S) (u)

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From August 1 until September 5, 1946 Feynman was employed as a staff consultant by the University of California at Los Alamos. (116-26773-10, P.1)

He attended a conference at Los Alamos regarding fissionable materials from August 10 to 18, 1946.

(100-190625-2476)

Issue 6 of the Cornell Scientist, dated October 19, 1946, reported that the ASCU (Association of Scientists of Cornell University) sponsored a series of thirteen weekly radio programs over Station WRCU regarding atomic energy and its control. One of the speakers was R. P. Feynman.

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Some time between March 20 and May 5, 1947 Feynman was interviewed regarding J. Robert Oppenheimer. He said that Oppenheimer's loyalty to the United States is unquestioned; that Oppenheimer does not favor sharing atomic information with Russia or any other nation and that Oppenheimer advocates a strong international control of atomic information. (100-17823-166, P.15)

The June, 1947 issue of the "Mechanical Engineer" carried an article entitled "Atomic Power for Ram Jet," purportedly an abstract of an article which appeared in the April, 1947 issue of the "Cornell Engineer" and dealt in some detail with work done by Feynman while at Los Alamos. Neither article was written by Feynman. It was believed for a time that the information appearing in the "Cornell Engineer" might be restricted and, therefore, a possible security breach on the part of Feynman.

[redacted] study of the article, "Next Step Space," by Alvin L. Feldman, which appeared on page 7 of the April, 1947 edition of the "Cornell Engineer," was not restricted.

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In October, 1947 Feynman was still employed as Assistant Professor of Physics at Cornell. His mother resided at 1502 Mott Avenue, Far Rockaway, New York. She was active in the Red Cross.

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(116-26773-6)

On October 7, 1947 [redacted]

[redacted] Cornell, advised that one of Feynman's hobbies is lock picking and that he had developed a fair skill in opening Tumbler and Yale locks with wire. Feynman at this time resided in the building at Cornell which houses the Physics Department. (116-26773-8)

Feynman was described as follows: Born May 11, 1918 at New York City; Race, white, Height, 5' 11"; Weight, 158 lbs.; Eyes, brown; Hair, Brown; Social Security No. [redacted] Marital status, Widower. Spouse was Arline Greenbaum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Greenbaum, Cedarhurst, New York; residence, 1932 to 1947 - 1502 Mott Avenue, Far Rockaway, New York.

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During the course of another investigation, Feynman was interviewed on April 2, 1952, concerning his association with [redacted]. The subject admitted that he associated both professionally and socially for a long time at Los Alamos [redacted]. The association was terminated during September, 1945, when Feynman returned to his teaching profession at Ithaca, New York. Recalling his association [redacted] at Los Alamos, Feynman could remember no indication of espionage or subversive activity on the part of [redacted].

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An individual of unknown reliability who claimed to be a friend and associate of Feynman has informed that Feynman received an invitation from the Soviet Vice Consul, San Francisco, California, to visit Russia.

According to our source, Feynman has indicated he will accept the invitation. Our source believes Feynman will study "Liquid Helium" in Russia. Our source believes Feynman is loyal but should be prevented from going to Russia for his own protection. Our source did not elaborate on this latter statement. Our source intended to notify Senator Arthur Watkins of this matter. It is noted that the Soviet Consulate in San Francisco, California, has been closed since the late 1940's.

The current directory of the California Institute of Technology reflects Feynman has been a professor of physics at that school since 1950. He resides at 844 Alameda Street, Altadena, California.

The files of this Bureau reflect that an Atomic Energy Act - Applicant Investigation of Feynman was conducted

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in 1947. Copies of investigative reports were furnished to the Atomic Energy Commission in 1947 and to the State Department on July 13, 1949. A summary memorandum dated June 15, 1954, was also furnished to the State Department on June 16, 1954.

No additional investigation is contemplated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

cc - 1 - Captain John A. Waters
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1/26/55

FROM : SAC, WFO

SUBJECT: PROFESSOR FEYNMAN
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Through the means of a trash cover on the Press Department of the Soviet Embassy, 2016 Wyoming Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., SA [redacted] of this office on 1/13/55 found a penciled rough draft letter which is as follows: (S)

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Professors FEYNMAN [redacted] (S) (u) b7C

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"The Ac of Sci of the USSR asked me to convey to you the invitation of the Academy to take part in the All-Union meeting (conference) on _____ (not clear, appears to be the word 'grant') electro dynamics and the theory of elementary particles which will be held by the Academy of Sci in Moscow from March 31 until April 6. (S) (u)

"The Academy will take care of all the expenses connected with your stay in the SU. (S) (u)

"A letter with the invitation with a preliminary program of the conf has been sent to you by Air Mail directly from Moscow. (S) (u)

"I shall be grateful if you will let me know whether you will accept the invitation of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR. (S) (u)

"Ambassador of the Soviet Union
to the USA" (S) (u)

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[redacted] advised he has no knowledge of the above letter. (S) (u)

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The first name of FEYNMAN is not available at this office, but the files of this office do contain the following information concerning RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN:

In a report by SA [redacted] at Albuquerque, New Mexico, dated 3/14/50 captioned [redacted]-R," there is set forth the fact that RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN was employed at Los Alamos, New Mexico, on the atomic bomb project in the Theoretical Physics Division from April 1, 1943, to October 27, 1945. This individual, according to this report, was granted Atomic Energy Commission security clearance rating of Q clearance on 5/25/49.

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It is noted that in the report of SA [redacted] dated 10/10/50 at New York in the same case [redacted]

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[redacted] time, said he knew FEYNMAN at the Los Alamos Atomic Bomb Project and had seen him as recently as [redacted] He did not know of any espionage or Communist Party activities on the part of FEYNMAN. Los Angeles has received a copy of the above report.

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In the report of SA [redacted] dated 5/7/52 at Albany, New York, in the case entitled, [redacted] Espionage-R," the Albany Office states further information obtained from a Bulet stating that Dr. RICHARD P. FEYNMAN had been interviewed by the Legal Attache of the American Embassy at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. FEYNMAN stated he knew [redacted]

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The 1954-1955 edition of Who's Who in America contains the following information regarding RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN:

He was born 5/11/18 in New York City, and was married in June, 1952, to MARY LOUISE BELL. He is a Physicist by profession and stated that he worked on the staff of the Atomic Bomb Project at Princeton University from 1942-1943 and at Los Alamos from 1943-1945. From 1945-1950, he was an Associate Professor of Theoretical Physics at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, and since 1950 has been a Professor of Theoretical Physics at the California Institute of Technology. His address was listed as the Physics Department, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California. N.J. U.S.

This office has no further way of identifying Professor FEYNMAN but it is believed possible that the invitation to Professor FEYNMAN may be to Professor RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN. Both the Los Angeles Office and the Bureau should check their files to further determine the identity of the Professor FEYNMAN in the rough draft letter. (S)(u)

The Newark Office is being advised in a separate communication of the above information. This matter is being submitted for the information of the Los Angeles Office and the Bureau, and no further action is contemplated by the WFO. The original of the rough draft letter is being retained in the files of the WFO. (S)(u)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/1/55

FROM : SAC, WFO (105-10936)

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BY ~~W290 BURTGL~~

Reference my letter dated January 26, 1955,
captioned "Professor FEYNMAN, Internal Security - R".

A highly confidential informant of known reliability, whose identity may not be disclosed, advised on January 31, 1955, that R. P. FEYNMAN of California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California, contacted Ambassador GEORGI ZARUBIN of the Russian Embassy and thanked Ambassador ZARUBIN for the kind invitation to the Soviet Academy of Science, which is being held from March 31 until April 6, 1955, in Moscow. The informant further indicated that the conference being held at the Academy of Science will be on QUANTUM Electrodynamics and Elementary Particles. The informant also indicated that the subject thanked the Ambassador for the offer to pay his expenses while in USSR. The informant further indicated that the subject was unable to give a definite answer as to whether or not he could attend the conference.

Provide the Washington Field Office with one copy of the results of the investigation for information.

This letter is being transmitted for the information of the Bureau and Los Angeles Division and no further action is contemplated by WFO.

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The above information is being transmitted to the Newark Division for information in their case captioned [redacted] IS - R."

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Date: March 14, 1955

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To: Mr. Dennis A. Flinn (Orig & 1)
Director
Office of Security
Department of State
515 22nd Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: RICHARD PHILLIPS FRYMAN
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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Reference is made to my communication dated January 31, 1955, concerning captioned subject. Referenced communication indicated that the subject had received an invitation to visit the Soviet Union. Referenced communication also pointed out that an Atomic Energy Act-Applicant investigation of the subject had been conducted by this Bureau in 1947 and that the results had been furnished to the State Department and to the Atomic Energy Commission. (S)(u)

A confidential source of known reliability has now informed that the subject has been in contact with the Soviet Embassy during which time he expressed his appreciation for the tentative all-expense trip of March 31, 1955, to April 6, 1955, to visit the Soviet Union. According to our source the expense of the trip is to be borne by the Academy of Sciences of the Soviet Union. (S)(u)

Our source further stated that the subject revealed his passport prohibits travel to the Soviet Union but he has made application to the State Department. (S)(u)

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in order to validate his passport for travel to the Soviet Union. According to our source the subject indicated that if permission is granted by the State Department, he will be able to visit the Soviet Union. (S) (u)

The above information is submitted for your information and no investigation is contemplated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

cc - 1 - Captain John A. Waters VIA LIAISON
Director of Security
Atomic Energy Commission
Room 2314, T-5 Building
16th and Constitution Avenue, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, WFO (105-10936)

SUBJECT: RICHARD P. FEYNMAN
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DATE: 3/7/55

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Reference your airtel dated 2/4/55 captioned,
Professor RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN, IS - R.

A highly confidential source, of known reliability whose identity may not be disclosed, advised on 3/2/55 that RICHARD P. FEYNMAN, of California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California, contacted the Soviet Embassy and expressed his appreciation for the tentative all-expense trip of 3/31/55 to 4/6/55 to be paid by the Academy of Sciences of the Soviet Union for his visit to the USSR.

The source further advised that FEYNMAN revealed that his passport is limited in such a way, travel to the USSR is not permitted, but that he had made application to the State Department for the necessary requirements. The source further advised that FEYNMAN indicated that if permission is granted by the State Department, he will be able to visit the USSR. (S)(u)

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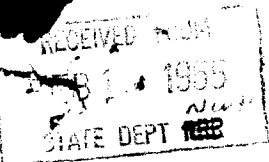
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January 21, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: U/SA
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FROM: EE - Walter J. Stoessel, Jr.

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DATE 2/12/03 BY 60290 BCR/LR

SUBJECT: Invitation to United States Physicist to Attend Scientific Conference.

Professor Richard Phillips ^(D)Feynman of the California Institute of Technology has been invited by the Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R. to take part in the All-Union Conference on the Quantum Theory of Electrodynamics and the Theory of Elementary Particles which will be held in Moscow, U.S.S.R., March 31-April 6, 1955. This invitation was contained in a letter addressed to Professor Feynman by Soviet Ambassador Zarcubin on January 10, 1955, a copy of which is attached.

Professor Feynman has asked for the Department's views concerning the desirability of his accepting this invitation. It would therefore be appreciated if you would bring to the attention of this office any pertinent information which might be available to you together with whatever views you may wish to express with regard to the desirability of Professor Feynman's attendance at the Moscow conference.

A copy of Professor Feynman's letter to the Department of January 14, 1955 is attached. It will be noted that he worked on atomic energy matters during World War II and has been in correspondence contact with Soviet physicist L. Landau on a matter of mutual scientific interest.

The pending conference is an internal U.S.S.R. meeting to which it is expected that a considerable number of reputable foreign scientists will be invited, thereby lending it a quasi-international character subject to exploitation in the interest of several current Soviet propaganda lines. Inasmuch as the lack of private United States participation in such endeavors can be effectively utilized to our disadvantage by Soviet propagandists, EE would be inclined to favor Professor Feynman's attendance if no serious objections are presented as the result of this survey.

Attachments:

1. From Professor Feynman of January 14, 1955. (copy)
2. From Soviet Ambassador Zarcubin to Professor Feynman of January 10, 1955. (copy)

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California Institute of Technology
Pasadena

January 14, 1955

Department of State
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Yesterday I received a letter from Mr. Zarcubin, the Soviet Ambassador, inviting me to take part in a scientific conference in Moscow! A copy of the letter is enclosed.

This comes to me as a great surprise and I do not know what to do. Although the letter indicates that the conference is purely scientific, in the present relations of our country to Russia, such a visit by me obviously could have considerable non-scientific repercussions and be of interest to the Department of State. I would be very grateful to you if you could give me any advice. I should like to cooperate with your desires in this matter.

Does the Soviet invitation of foreign scientists represent a partial change of the iron curtain policy? Can we hope that this is a step back to more normal scientific relations with that country? Should we take advantage of such a change to find out what the scientists are thinking about and how healthy the scientific community is in Russia? Is there danger that I would be kept there and not permitted to return? I worked on atomic energy during the war, but not afterward. I am an expert on quantum electrodynamics and the theory of elementary particles, scientific fields which have no apparent military application at present, so it is not unreasonable that they would invite me if the invitation is above board. A further possibility is that it is partly as a consequence of a letter I wrote to the scientist Landau, commenting on some reprints he sent me. I enclose a copy of that. There was no answer. Are you aware of any other scientists being invited to this meeting?

I am willing to proceed in any way that seems to you to be in the best interest of the country, even if it should mean some personal danger.

Sincerely,

R. P. Feynman

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EMBASSY OF THE
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

Washington, D.C.

January 10, 1955

Professor Richard Phillips Feynman
California Institute of Technology
Pasadena, California.

Dear Professor Feynman:

The Academy of Sciences of the USSR has asked me to convey to you the invitation of the Academy to take part in the All-Union Conference on the Quantum Theory of Electrodynamics and the Theory of Elementary Particles which will be held by the Academy of Sciences in Moscow from March 31 to April 6.

The Academy will take care of all expenses connected with your stay in the Soviet Union.

A letter containing the invitation and a preliminary program of the conference has been sent to you by Air Mail directly from Moscow.

I shall be grateful to you if you will let me know whether you will accept the invitation of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR.

Sincerely yours,

Georgi N. Zarouhin
Ambassador of the Soviet Union
to the USA

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March 17, 1955

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RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN (Dr.)
Born: May 11, 1918
New York, New York

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In response to your request you are referred to reports of an investigation entitled "Richard Phillips Feynman; Atomic Energy Act" which were furnished to your agency on June 26, 1951. (116-26773)

For your additional information please be advised that during the course of another investigation Feynman was interviewed on April 2, 1952, concerning his association with [redacted]

[redacted] During the interview, Feynman admitted that he associated both professionally and socially for a long time at Los Alamos, New Mexico [redacted] September, 1945, when Feynman returned to his teaching profession at Ithaca, New York. [redacted]

During January, 1955, an individual of unknown reliability, who claimed to be a friend and associate of Feynman, informed that Feynman received an invitation from the Soviet Vice Consul, San Francisco, California, to visit Russia. According to this individual, Feynman indicated that he would accept the invitation. This individual also believed that Feynman would study "Liquid Helium" in Russia. This source of information believed that Feynman was loyal to the United States but should be prevented from going to Russia for his own protection. This individual did not elaborate upon the latter statement. Feynman was identified as being a Professor of Physics at [redacted] Institute. Note: Information concerning [redacted] interview furnished State Dept. and AEC on 1/15/55. Both communications classified "Confidential".

Req. Rec'd: 3/1/55 re. association [redacted] furnished State Department on 6/15/54. Info concerning Feynman's invitation to visit Russia furnished State Dept. and AEC on 1/15/55. Both communications classified "Confidential".

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of Technology. It is noted that the Soviet Consulate in San Francisco, California, has been closed since the late 1940's. (100-344431-9)

You may desire to check with the US Department of State for possible additional information concerning the subject of your inquiry.

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RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
Born May 11, 1918
New York

In response to your request, there are attached herewith reports reflecting the results of an investigation conducted by the FBI entitled, "Richard Phillips Feynman; Atomic Energy Act." 116-26773)

For your additional information, you are advised that during the course of another investigation, Feynman was interviewed on April 2, 1952, concerning his association with [redacted]

[redacted] During the interview, Feynman admitted that he associated both professionally and socially for a long time at Los Alamos, New Mexico, [redacted] September, 1945, when Feynman returned to his teaching profession at Ithaca, New York. [redacted]

(100-344431)

You are further advised that in March, 1955, a confidential informant who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Feynman had been in contact with the Soviet Embassy during which time he expressed his appreciation for a tentative all-expense trip of March 31, 1955, to April 6, 1955, to visit the Soviet Union. According to the informant, the expense of the trip was to be borne by the Academy of Sciences of the Soviet Union.

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The above informant further stated that Feynman revealed his passport prohibited travel to the Soviet Union, but that he had made application to the State Department in order to validate his passport for travel to the Soviet Union. (100-344431-13, Source: highly confidential source of a known reliability. (S) (u))

A news item was published on page six of "The Washington Post and Times Herald," Washington, D.C., on April 8, 1955, captioned "Physicists Shun Soviet Science Meet." The item stated that the physicists, Dyson and Feynman, "were advised by government officials to turn down invitations to a Moscow Scientific Conference, which concludes today." The item was attributed to the Associated Press and dated April 7, 1955, at New York. Feynman is reported to have said that there were several reasons why it may have been unwise for him to go, even though theoretical discussions might "have been valuable on both sides." Feynman also said that he had done classified work on the Atom Bomb Project during World War II, and had recently consulted the Army on a highly classified subject. (100-344431)

You may desire to check with the United States Department of State for possible additional information concerning the subject of your inquiry.

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Members: Mr. Boardman
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June 6, 1955

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RE:

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In reply to your request of May 27, 1955, for any information to show that the contemplated visit of [redacted] and Dr. Feynman to the Soviet Union was satisfactorily completed, it appears that neither individual made the trip. A news item to this effect was published on page 6 of "The Washington Post and Times Herald," Washington, D. C., on April 8, 1955. Captioned "Physicists Shun Soviet Science Meet," the item stated that the physicists, [redacted] Feynman, "were advised by Government officials to turn down invitations to a Moscow scientific conference which concludes today." The item was attributed to the Associated Press and dated April 7, 1955, at New York. [redacted]

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You will note that the person referred to in the news item is undoubtedly the Professor Feynman mentioned in your request. His full name is Dr. Richard Phillips Feynman.

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London, England Sent 6-7-55 RBj

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Memorandum for [redacted] (u)

Re: [redacted]

with alias

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[redacted]
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[redacted] Feynman, a native born citizen, is professor at
California Institute of Technology. [redacted]
to attend, at Soviet expense, a conference at the Academy of
Science, Moscow, 3-31 -- 4-6-55. [redacted] has previously been
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NOTE TO DISCLOSURE:

Request #: Christian Forstner

Subject: Richard P. Feynman

The attached file contains classified information that predates 1946. This classified information has been presented to the DRC in accordance with classification guidelines.

Please proceed as usual with processing your request. Should the DRC vote to declassify any of this information, you will be notified; however, do not delay release pending a DRC decision. Assume classification has been upheld if you hear nothing further from DCU.

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27 May, 1955.

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with alias

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Please refer to previous correspondence regarding the above named individual ending with your 11086 of 14 February, 1955.

Our information indicates that so far as [redacted] new the Conference which was to be held by the Academy of Sciences of the Soviet Union in Moscow was purely scientific with no political aims. His fellow visitors were due to be Professor FENYMAN, working in the United States, [redacted]

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In the event, [redacted] did not reach Moscow and we have been unable to discover if DYSON and FENYMAN did so. We should be grateful if you could provide us with any information to show that their visit was satisfactorily completed.

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Physicists Shun Soviet Science Meet

NEW YORK, April 7 (AP).—Two physicists from this country say they were advised by Government officials to turn down invitations to a Moscow scientific conference which concludes today.

Prof. Richard R. Feynman of the California Institute of Technology and Dr. Freeman J. Dyson of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, N. J., said yesterday they first accepted the Soviet bid. They

said no "classified" matters were on the agenda of the Moscow meeting.

But, said Feynman, the Atomic Energy Commission advised him not to go, on the ground it would be an "unwarranted risk."

Feynman added: "There are several reasons why it may have been unwise for me to go" even though theoretical discussions

bomb project during World War II, and recently consulted with the Army on a highly classified subject.

Dyson said he could see how participation in the conference by Western scientists might have been used by the Russians for propaganda purposes.



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(FEYMAN)

PASADENA--PROFESSOR RICHARD P. FEYMAN OF THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SAID HE REFUSED, ON THE "ADVICE" OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, TO VISIT RUSSIA FOR A MEETING OF SCIENTISTS.

FEYMAN, WHO SAID HE WORKED ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE ATOMIC BOMB AT LOS ALAMOS SCIENTIFIC LABORATORY AFTER WORLD WAR II, TURNED DOWN A RUSSIAN INVITATION TO ATTEND THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES CONFERENCE IN MOSCOW. THE ONE-WEEK MEETING ENDED YESTERDAY.

THE CALTECH PHYSICIST SAID MAJ. GEN. KENNETH D. NICHOLS, HEAD OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, TOLD HIM HE SHOULD NOT TAKE THE "UNWARRANTED RISK" OF GOING TO THE MOSCOW SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE.

"THE AEC DIDN'T SAY I COULD NOT GO TO MOSCOW," FEYMAN EXPLAINED. "BUT THE LETTER I GOT FROM NICHOLS STRONGLY IMPLIED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULDN'T LIKE IT."

FEYMAN SAID HE DECIDED TO DECLINE THE RUSSIAN INVITATION AFTER "THINKING THE MATTER OVER FOR QUITE A WHILE."

"I THINK WE COULD GAIN SOMETHING BY GOING TO THE MEETING," THE PHYSICIST SAID. "BUT NICHOLS IS RIGHT WHEN HE SAYS THERE IS AN UNWARRANTED RISK. AND FURTHERMORE, I DON'T THINK THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WOULD LIKE THE IDEA OF ONE OF THEIR SCIENTISTS, ESPECIALLY ONE WHO HAS WORKED ON THE ATOMIC BOMB, VISITING RUSSIA."

FEYMAN SAID HE RESOLVED TO LET THE "BIG BOYS" DECIDE IF HE SHOULD GO. NICHOLS' LETTER, HE SAID, PROVIDED HIM WITH THE DECISION NOT TO GO TO RUSSIA FOR THE MEETING.

"WHEN I FIRST RECEIVED THE INVITATION FROM RUSSIA IN JANUARY, I WROTE THE STATE DEPARTMENT," FEYMAN SAID. "IN FACT, I WROTE THE DEPARTMENT THREE TIMES AND NEVER GOT AN ANSWER."

"I ALSO WROTE THE AEC A COUPLE OF TIMES, AND HAD TO SEND A TELEGRAM ASKING FOR AN ANSWER TO MY LETTERS BEFORE I FINALLY RECEIVED A REPLY FROM NICHOLS."

THE PHYSICIST SAID THAT THE MANNER IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENT DELAYED ANSWERING HIS QUERY ABOUT WHETHER HE SHOULD VISIT RUSSIA LED HIM TO BELIEVE, AT FIRST, "THAT THE GOVERNMENT DIDN'T PARTICULARLY CARE ONE WAY OR THE OTHER."

"I GUESS I COULD HAVE GONE IF I WANTED TO," FEYMAN SAID. "THE GOVERNMENT DIDN'T INDICATE IT WOULD DO ANYTHING TO STOP ME. IT WAS AS IF IT (THE GOVERNMENT) EXPECTED ME TO MAKE THE DECISION."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 12/23/57

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SUBJECT: (FNU) FEYNMAN
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[redacted] Michigan,
(who requested that his identity be concealed in view of
the manner in which the information came into his possession)
advised SA [redacted] that on 12/20/57 a [redacted]
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[redacted] Dr. (FNU) FEYNMAN, a "theoretical physicist" from
"Cal Tech" university in California, who was engaged in
research for the United States Government and had been a
consultant at Los Alamos, New Mexico, in connection with
atomic energy developments.

[redacted]
scientist who testified before a Congressional Committee
relative to security in connection with scientists who were
selected to work on this type of project, [redacted] does not
recall name, or if mentioned.

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A review of the Detroit indices fails to reflect any information identifiable with [REDACTED] and there is no record of FEYNMAN in the Detroit indices.

Above being submitted for information and action deemed advisable by the Bureau and Albuquerque.

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Richard Phillips Feynman
May 11, 1918, New York City

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RICHARD P. FEYNMAN
Born: May 11, 1918
New York, New York

In response to your request, there are attached herewith reports reflecting the results of an investigation conducted by the FBI entitled, "Richard Phillips Feynman; Atomic Energy Act." (116-6773)

For your additional information, you are advised that during the course of another investigation, Feynman was interviewed on April 2, 1952, concerning his association with [redacted]

During the interview, Feynman, Richard P. admitted that he associated both professionally and socially for a long time at Los Alamos, New Mexico, [redacted] September, 1945, when Feynman returned to his teaching profession at Ithaca, New York. [redacted]

You are further advised that in March, 1955, a confidential informant who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Feynman had been in contact with the Soviet Embassy during which time he expressed his appreciation for a tentative all-expense trip of March 31, 1955, to April 6, 1955, to visit the Soviet Union. According to the informant, the expense of the trip was to be borne by the Academy of Sciences of the Soviet Union. (u)

The above informant further stated that Feynman revealed his passport prohibited travel to the Soviet Union, but that he had made application to the State Department in order to validate his passport for travel to the Soviet Union. (u)

A news item was published on page six of "The Washington Post and Times Herald," Washington, D. C., on April 8, 1955, captioned "Physicists Shun Soviet

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Science Meet." The item stated that the physicists, Dyson and Feynman, "were advised by government officials to turn down invitations to a Moscow Scientific Conference, which concludes today." The item was attributed to the Associated Press and dated April 7, 1955, at New York. Feynman is reported to have said that there were several reasons why it may have been unwise for him to go, even though theoretical discussions might "have been valuable on both sides." Feynman also said that he had done classified work on the Atom Bomb Project during World War II, and had recently consulted the Army on a highly classified subject.

You may desire to check with the United States Department of State for possible additional information concerning the subject of your inquiry.

The foregoing information is furnished to you as a result of your request for an FBI file check and is not to be construed as a clearance or a nonclearance of the individual involved. This information is loaned for your use and is not to be disseminated outside of your agency.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/14/58

FROM : SAC, ALBUQUERQUE

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 Form 4-74

SUBJECT: FNU FEYNMAN
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Re Detroit letter to Director dated 12/3/57.

[redacted] University of California, Personnel. Los Alamos, New Mexico, on 1/8/58 advised SA [redacted] the records reflect RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN was employed by them as a scientist from 4/1/42 to 10/27/45. He terminated his employment at his own request and records reflect that he did a good job and a good record with the University of California.

The records reflect that his wife's name to be ARLINE FEYNMAN nee GREENBAUM, whereas relet reflects one [redacted] His father, M. A. FEYNMAN and mother, LUCILLE FEYNMAN, were born in Russia. They further reflect that prior to FEYNMAN going to work at Los Alamos, J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER wrote a letter to Princeton requesting FEYNMAN's services and that it was shortly thereafter that FEYNMAN came to Los Alamos in 1943.

According to [redacted] there was no record of any other FEYNMAN which would appear to be identical with FNU FEYNMAN set forth in relet.

The indices of Albuquerque reflect numerous references re RICH FEYNMAN contained in report of SA [redacted] dated 3/14/50 at Albuquerque captioned [redacted] was., Espionage - R, copy of which were sent to the Bureau and New York Office, reflecting FEYNMAN to be an [redacted]

The report of SA [redacted] San Francisco, dated 1/9/50 captioned CINRAD, IS-R, copies of which were furnished to Bureau and New York contained a reference to FEYNMAN.

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Files further reflect that the New York Office by letter to Newark dated 4/22/48 captioned RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN, 15-38510, AEA A, advised that the above named individual was employed at the Brookhaven National Laboratory, Patchogue, New York.

Accordingly, there is enclosed for the information of the New York Office, copy of the referenced letter to the Director inasmuch as Albuquerque records reflect FEYNMAN's last address to be in the New York area. Accordingly, New York is being carried as OO.

The above is being submitted for the information in action deemed advisable by the Bureau and New York.

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SAC, Los Angeles

April 30, 1958

Director, FBI

**RICHARD PHILLIPS FEYNMAN
PERSON NOT TO BE CONTACTED**

Reurlet dated April 21, 1958, enclosing copies of the report of SA [redacted] of your office in the Security of Government Employees investigation of [redacted]

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In the future, Feynman should not be contacted on any occasion unless prior Bureau approval has been obtained. It is noted that Feynman is a Professor of Theoretical Physics at the California Institute of Technology at Pasadena, California. He resides at 844 Alameda Street, Altadena, California.

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NOTE: By letter dated April 21, 1958, the Los Angeles Office advised that Feynman has stated he does not desire to be interviewed at any time by FBI Agents relative to matters of any kind. He is the subject of Bufiles 116-26773 and 100-344431 which reflect that he worked on the atomic bomb project during World War II and has associated with J. Robert Oppenheimer [redacted]

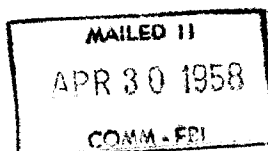
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MEMORANDUM FOR Mr. Boardman
Mr. Rosen
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Mr. Belmont

Reference is made to my prior memoranda which transmitted to you the names of persons who are not to be interviewed unless compelling reasons dictate, in which event the matter should be called to my attention.

Attached is identifying data concerning Richard Phillips Feynman of Altadena, California, who is such a person.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosure

17 copies of attachment sent to Mr. Rosen.
10 copies of attachment sent to Mr. Belmont.

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NAME**Richard Phillips Feynman****PROFESSION****Professor of Theoretical Physics
California Institute of Technology****ADDRESSES****(Business) California Institute of Technology,
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